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June 17, 1968

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JL3/Kennedy, Robert F.

Dear Dr. Kistner:

President Johnson has asked me to thank you for your letter at this time of terrible sorrow.

The President more than shares your concern over lawlessness in a country that has and must always draw strength from the decency and dedication of its people. In his words, there can be no justification for violence that tears at the fabric of our national life.

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Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

Dr. Joseph M. Kistner
305 AFRICAN Road
Vestal, New York 13850

Enclosures: (6/5 televised remarks on shooting;
6/10 remarks to commission)

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JL3/KENNEDY, R.F.
ND19/C0312/ND9

June 17, 1968

Dear Private DeVico:

President Johnson appreciates your thoughtfulness in writing to him at this time of sorrow. He, too, was deeply saddened by the tragic loss of Senator Robert F. Kennedy. He asked that I send you the enclosed releases about the National Commission on the Causes and Prevention of Violence which he has established. The President hopes that all Americans will join in his determination to deny violence its victory and that "... we can emerge from this hour of sorrow -- a stronger and a more unified people."

The President also asked me to express his deep gratitude for the continuing contributions that you and those who serve with you are making to the cause of freedom at this crucial time. Your dedicated support of our country's purposes will keep strong America's priceless heritage.

With the President's warm best wishes,

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

PFC Frank W. X DeVico
RA 11903300
2/11 Sve Btry
APO San Francisco 96383

Enclosures Exec. Order of 6/10/68 re Natl Comm
on the Causes of Violence; P's rms of 6/10/68 to Comm.

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AP/CS

Dear Mr President

My name is
PFC Frank W. Dattico.
I'm stationed in Viet
Nam. And I'm
from Boston Mass.
four miles from where
John and Robert
Kennedy, were born.
I was listening to
the radio, when I
heard about Sen.
Robert F. Kennedy's death.
I never knew the
Kennedy family personally.
But my deepest
sorrow go to
the Kennedy family
they have suffered
to much with in
the 6 past years

I Admired both
John and Robert
Kennedy. Mr. President
I don't get out
of the Army until
1970, I leave Viet
Nam in Nov 68,
I'd like to
know if there is
any thing I could
do to help stop
needless killings of
great Americans, I'd
also like to know
if there is any
Committee or force
I could join when
I leave the
U.S. Army. Mr. President
is there such a
Committee to stop
~~the needless~~ & needless

Killing of great men
who serve the
Public and New
Country.

Sincerely,
Frank Devico

PFC FRANK DEVICO
RA 11903300
2/11 SVC BTRY
APO 96383

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JL3/Kennedy, Robt. F.

June 17, 1968

Dear Miss Ashhurst:

President Johnson has asked me to thank you for your letter at this time of terrible sorrow.

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Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

Miss Anna W. Ashhurst^x
106 Locust Street
Martinsburg, Pennsylvania 16662

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Comment - R. Kennedy

106 Locust St.
Martinsburg, Pa. 16662
June 5, 1968

The Hon. Lyndon B. Johnson
President of the United States
Washington, D. C.

Dear President Johnson:

I am deeply appalled by all the violence that
is sweeping our country. I strongly urge you to
do all in your power to prevent any more by
forecfully upholding any legislation that will
keep it from happening again.

Sincerely,

Anna W. Ashhurst

Anna W. Ashhurst

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JL3/Kennedy, Robt.F.
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June 17, 1968

Dear Miss Ringle:

President Johnson has asked me to thank you for your letter at this time of terrible sorrow.

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Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

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Miss Louise Ringle
3620 East Granville
Westerville, Ohio 43081

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Violence

3620 East Granville
Westerville, Ohio
June 5, 1968

My Dear Mr. President:

First, let me praise the masterful speech you delivered this evening, after the assassination attempt on Senator Kennedy. I am sure millions of Americans appreciated it as much as my family and I did.

You expressed concern about the conditions that would permit such a terrible crime to be perpetrated. I would not presume to attempt an explanation of social disintegration in America, but in my humble opinion such lawless acts are fostered by the "laissez faire" attitude of law-enforcement administrators throughout the nation.

The enforcement of law and discipline requires a responsibility that many people will not assume. Policemen are frequently intimidated by cries of "police brutality," or frustrated because of new and often bewildering Supreme Court rulings. When law-enforcers will not or cannot act, when judges and jurors fail to assume their responsibilities, and when legislators will not pass necessary laws, there is a breakdown of the will to govern and of the will to obey existing laws. An atmosphere of lawlessness is created. Such an atmosphere prevails in our society today, and can only result in chaos and anarchy.

It would appear that Americans are so perplexed by vocal minorities of extremists and hate-mongers that we and our law-enforcers stand paralyzed, awaiting whatever fate the lawless would bestow upon us. Two excellent examples are the college "take-overs" and the "non-violent" demonstrations (and looting and rioting) of the "poor" people.

It is no secret that the Communists have infiltrated both groups. It is also no secret that the huge demonstration planned by the "poor" people for June 19 in Washington will be taken over by extremists, many of them Communists, and that insurrection may result. It is also no secret that the police department in Washington is now under a "pacifist" regime, that veteran policemen have resigned in record numbers, and that morale is at an all-time low.

Please, Mr. President, see that Washington is prepared to take drastic measures. Organized violence should be suppressed quickly. Extremists should be shown that their strategy is not successful in America. I abhor violence and bloodshed, but it is better for a few reckless lawbreakers to be killed, if necessary, than for a situation to explode beyond control with the loss of hundreds of lives. Let us not have another France!

Very respectfully yours,
Miss Louise Ringle

P.S.: Please, Mr. President, do not be so concerned about your public image. History will vindicate your stand on the complex issues of today, especially Vietnam. You never hear us say it, but most Americans realize that you are making the wisest decisions possible under extremely trying circumstances. May God bless you in all your endeavors and may God bless our nation!

GENERAL

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JL3/KENNEDY, R.F.

June 17, 1968

Dear Kathy:

President Johnson asked me to thank you for your letter. It was thoughtful of you to send him the poem you wrote.

As you requested, the home address of Robert Kennedy, Jr. is: 1147 Chain Bridge Road, McLean, Virginia 22101.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Juanita D. Roberts
Personal Secretary
to the President

Kathy Lapolla
60 Conselyea Street
Brooklyn, New York 11211

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JL3/KENNEDY, R.F.

June 17, 1968

Dear Professor Clement:

On behalf of President Johnson, I should like to acknowledge your letter and thank you for writing at this time of tragedy. Your interest in letting him have your comments is appreciated and you may be sure they have been fully noted.

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

Mr. Frederick A. ^XClement
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West Virginia State College
Institute, West Virginia 25112

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Re Assassination - control of crime

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DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICS

June 6, 1968

President Lyndon B. Johnson
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. President:

The nation and the entire world is shocked and grief-stricken upon the untimely passing of Senator Kennedy. All begin to wonder about the train of events with which we are confronted today. Each one feels that some action is indicated. Although we know that there is no speedy single solution, still there are some approaches which appear to be indicated.

Forgive me for imposing upon you at this time. However, certain steps seem to be indicated and I am taking the liberty to make some suggestions, as a layman.

- A. It is evident that action on the possession of guns is in order. May we suggest that special permits to carry guns be limited to the following:
 - 1. Government agents and Armed Forces personnel.
 - 2. State and local Law Officers.
 - 3. Plant, Armored Truck, and Bank Guards.
- B. Two Presidential Candidates be selected by each of the Democrat and Republican parties.
 - 1. One of the candidates selected by the Senate, and one of the candidates selected by the House.
 - 2. One National Primary.
 - 3. No National Convention.
 - 4. One National election involving the winners of the Primary.
 - 5. Elimination of the "Campaign Trail".
- C. The gradual withdrawal of all Armed Forces Personnel now stationed abroad.

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- D. Additional training programs to be offered, and underwritten by the U. S. Government.
- E. Squatters rights be denied all groups and individuals.
- F. Strict enforcement of Civil Rights legislation.
- G. Strengthening of existing Welfare Programs.
- H. A closer look at our Farm Subsidy Program.
- I. Further implementation of Educational Aid.

I am sure that you will forgive me and understand that everyone is concerned and alarmed.

Sincerely,



Frederick A. Clement
Associate Professor
Department of Physics

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*Sp/4 Kennedy, R.F.
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June 17, 1968

Dear Specialist Marchese:

President Johnson appreciates your thoughtfulness in writing to him at this time of sorrow. He mourns with the nation -- and with the countless millions around the world -- the tragic death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy. Our Nation has indeed lost another very talented leader.

The President more than shares your concern over lawlessness in a country that has and must always draw strength from the decency and dedication of its people. In his words, there can be no justification for violence that tears at the fabric of our national life. For many months the President has urged Congress to enact stringent crime and gun control legislation. Of immediate importance, you may want to read the enclosed copies of his remarks of June 5 and June 10 on combatting and inquiring into the causes of violence.

The President also asked me to thank you for your expressions of confidence and support. You have his prayers and warm best wishes, and the pledge of his continuing commitment to the cause of peace, unity, and justice for all men.

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

Sp/4 Michael Marchese
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APO SF 96374

6 June 68

Honorable Lyndon Baines Johnson
President of the United States
Washington D. C.

A/R/CS

Sir:

Tonight over Armed Forces Radio I heard of the Death of Robert F Kennedy as the result of a gunshot wound of the head. I am greatly shocked and saddened by this act of insanity.

What is our country coming to if men are murdered for their political beliefs. The foundations of our country are slowly being torn down from within. I run a risk of not returning from this conflict. But I am beginning to wonder what I will be returning to.

I came to Vietnam for patriotic reasons. To help a country gain the freedom we enjoy. What do they now think of ~~us~~ for the barbaric behavior that has reigned in our country in recent times.

Mr President I am behind your policies 100% and I want to urge you to reconsider and run for re-election as you are the only person I feel who can save our country from being torn apart by dissension any more than it has been.

This town of duty is not a vacation
and if Sen. McCarthy should be elected
I feel my 365 days will have gone
for naught.

Once again I would like to say
that I am sickened by the assassination
of My Senator and a Great American
Robert F Kennedy.

Sincerely
SP4 Michael Marchese

SP4 MICHAEL MARCHESE
RA 11821171
23RD ADMIN CO
AMERICAN DIVISION
APO SF 96374

GENERAL

JL3
JL3/Kennedy, R.F.

June 17, 1968

Dear Mr. Brown:

President Johnson is glad that you wrote to him at this time. He, too, was deeply saddened over the tragic death of Senator Robert Kennedy. He mourns with the nation -- and with countless millions throughout the world -- the loss of this talented leader.

The doubts you voice are certainly understood, but the quality of our nation cannot be gauged by the actions of a few. You can be sure that the President is deeply concerned over lawlessness in our country. In his words, there can be no justification for the violence that tears at the fabric of our national life. For many months he has urged Congress to enact stringent crime and gun control legislation. Of immediate importance, you may want to read the enclosed copies of his remarks of June 5 and June 10 on combatting and inquiring into the causes of violence.

The President also asked me to tell you that he is very proud of our courageous servicemen who, like your brother, bear the hardships of duty in Viet-Nam. He and his advisers are working very hard for a just and honorable peace so our men there can return home.

With the President's best wishes,

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

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Rocky Mount, North Carolina 27801

Enclosures: Rmks of 6/5 and 6/11

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JK 3/Kennedy, R.F.

June 17, 1968

Dear Specialist Todd:

President Johnson has asked me to thank you for your letter at this time of terrible sorrow.

The President more than shares your concern over lawlessness in a country that has and must always draw strength from the decency and dedication of its people. In his words, there can be no justification for violence that tears at the fabric of our national life.

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The President also asked me to express his pride and gratitude for the contributions you and your comrades are making toward the cherished goal of a peaceful and law-abiding world. Free men everywhere will be forever in your debt.

With the President's warm best wishes,

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

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Enclosures: Rmks 6/5 and 6/10

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JL3/Kennedy,
Robert F.

Dear Miss Denning:

President Johnson asked me to thank you for your letter. He, too, was deeply saddened in the tragic loss of Senator Robert F. Kennedy. He asked that I send you the enclosed releases about the National Commission on the Causes and Prevention of Violence which he has established. The President hopes that all Americans will join in his determination to deny violence its victory and that "...we can emerge from this hour of sorrow -- a stronger and a more unified people."

The President shares the deep concern of all those whose loved ones are defending freedom -- and ultimately our own security -- at this crucial time. Asking young men to go into battle is the most agonizing and painful duty of his office. He wants you to know that his prayers and his untiring efforts are being directed toward a just and a lasting peace and our servicemen's early return. We pray that the current talks in Paris will move us closer to that goal.

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

Miss Debbie Denning
1211 Second Street
Graham, Texas 76046

Enclosures Ex. Order of 6/10/68 re Natl Comm on the Causes & Prev. of Violence; P's rms of 6/10/68 to Comm.

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JL3/Kennedy, Robert

June 17, 1968

Dear Specialist Bell:

President Johnson has asked me to thank you for your letter at this time of great sorrow. He is very much aware of the effect that reports of violence here at home may have on you who are so bravely serving our Nation's cause in Viet-Nam.

The President more than shares your concern over lawlessness in a country that has and must always draw strength from the decency and dedication of its people. In his words, there can be no justification for violence that tears at the fabric of our national life.

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You have the President's warm best wishes, and the pledge of his continuing commitment to the cause of peace, unity, and justice for all men.

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

Specialist Fourth Class Richard Bell
50th Inf. Plt., Scout Dog
APO, San Francisco 96278

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JL 3/Kennedy,
Robert F.

June 17, 1968

Dear Mr. Ortiz:

President Johnson has asked me to thank you for your telegram concerning the action of the House of Representatives of Puerto Rico at this time of terrible sorrow.

The President mourns with the nation -- and with all men of goodwill -- the tragic loss of Senator Robert F. Kennedy. He has termed this the moment, in his words, "to join hands and walk together through this dark night of common anguish into a new dawn of healing unity."

With the President's gratitude for your thoughtfulness,

Sincerely,

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Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

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Mr. Tomas Ortiz McDonald
Under Secretary
House of Representatives
Capitol
San Juan, Puerto Rico

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The White House
Washington

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THE PRESIDENT

THE WHITE HOUSE

THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF PUERTO RICO
3 AGREED IN TODAYS SITTING TO EXPRESS ITS PROFOUND GRIEF FOR
THE DEPLORABLE AND VILE ATTACK SUFFERED THIS MORNING BY SENATOR
ROBERT F KENNEDY IN THE CITY OF

2 LOS ANGELES CALIFORNIA AND TO PRAY FOR HIS RECOVERY

TOMAS ORTIZ- MCDONALD

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JL3/Kennedy, Robert

June 17, 1968

Dear Mrs. Roberts:

President Johnson has asked me to thank you for giving him your thoughts at this time of terrible sorrow.

The President shares the deep concern of all those whose loved ones have been called upon to defend freedom -- and ultimately our own security -- in Viet-Nam. Asking young men to go into battle, in his words, "is the most agonizing and painful duty of my office." He wants you to know, however, that his prayers and his constant efforts are being directed toward an honorable settlement of this war and our servicemen's early return.

You have the President's pledge that no possible avenue for peace will go unexplored. He hopes for your understanding and support as we persevere toward that goal.

With the President's best wishes,

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

Mrs. Rose Roberts
Post Office Box 1
Nelson, California 95958

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June 17, 1968

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JL3/Kennedy Rott
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Dear Mrs. Watts:

President Johnson has asked me to thank you for your letter at this time of terrible sorrow.

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Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

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Mrs. Pat Watts
8446 Southeast Bush
Portland, Oregon

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Dear Sir;

I don't know why I am writing this, and I know it will never come to your attention. But I have to get this out of my system.

I was never more shocked in my life as on Nov. 22, when I heard of the shooting and death of ~~the~~ President J. F. Kennedy. But now I see life had another shock in store for the nation. The shooting and death of Senator Robert Kennedy.

What is this world coming too? It just isn't a fit place to live any-more. When people like Senator Kennedy, who were working for the good of the world, can be shot down in cold blood.

I am 18 years old and the mother of an one year old son. Will he grow up to have his life taken by some assassins Bullet?

I know that is a question that only God can answer. But how can God allow two such tragedies as the assassination of the two Kennedy brothers. This world is sure in sad shape.

Senator Kennedy's death to me is just like a personal loss. As if he were part of my family. I love and respect him and his family very much. I only hope that someday my son may grow up to be as understanding and brave as Robert F. Kennedy.

Sincerely,
Pat Watts

8446 S. E. Bush
Portland, Ore.

GENERAL

June 17, 1968

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Dear Mrs. Schmidt:

President Johnson has asked me to thank you for your letter at this time of terrible sorrow.

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Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

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Cincinnati, Ohio
June 5, 1968

President Johnson
White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. President,

I have just heard that Senator
Kennedy was shot last night!
Since we are living in such a changing
& violent world - we obviously have
to change our ways of living. It
is no longer necessary - or possible -
for a man to ride on the back of
a train & shake hands with "the people".
Let "the people" get acquainted with
our great leaders via "television". Please
put a stop to all this! Life is
too precious to put it to such subjection.
We must adjust to this changing world -
let us keep up with it! We have

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been given new ways of communicating
(T.V. + radio) Let us use these ways
to reach the people.

I hope something can be done to
stop this immediately before you
or anyone else is taken from us!

Thank you + God Bless you,

With Prayers,

Mrs. R. Schriat

P.S. Please too — we need some
authority in this Country. before it's too
late!

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June 17, 1968

JL3/Kennedy Rolt F.

Dear Private Nicholas:

President Johnson has asked me to thank you for your letter at this time of terrible sorrow.

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Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

Private First Class David S. Nicholas
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C.A.S. VE-3-17
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Comments on death of RFK
Senniman concerned re riots + violence

June 5, 1968



Mr President,

I would like to ask you a few questions. First of all Sir, some of us soldiers were wondering what we are protecting? With all the rioting and killing we sort of had its doubts. Then, Sir we were thrown out of ~~France~~ France, then we find them one hundred million dollars. Does that really make sense. To a poor PFC in the Army, it don't.

Just like the Viet Nam problem. The soldiers we see this hell in this war as a build up for the Communist. They not interested in peace. But only in Communism. We're not protecting the constitution but the pride. It hurts the soldiers who are protecting the country to hear all about this killing and rioting. We are protecting the Country for that.



As I see it sir were protecting
the people, so we can be free and others.
Well sir thats about all I have
to say except, I'm sorry to hear about
Mr Kennedy. I would appreciate a answer.
Thank you sir. God Bless

Pfc David D Nicholas
RA 11884230
C.A.S. VE-3-17
7th ARMY TRAINING CENTER
APO New York 09114

GENERAL

June 17, 1968

J23/Kennedy Robt F.

Dear Miss McIntire:

President Johnson has asked me to thank you for your letter at this time of terrible sorrow.

The President more than shares your concern over lawlessness in a country that has and must always draw strength from the decency and dedication of its people. In his words, there can be no justification for violence that tears at the fabric of our national life.

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Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

X
Miss Staci McIntire
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Greenfield, Indiana 46140

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Dear Sir,

I would like to ~~be~~ know one thing, what is United States coming to?

I think Bobby Kennedy would of been the best President we could ever hope for! And that goes for almost every body in United States! Bobby had the will power, the goal, + the mind to save us all from going into ~~a~~ horrible times. I think he could of stoped riots, ~~trouble~~ trouble between blacks + whites! And most of our ~~problems~~ problems. But no, someone had to murder him! Murder... murder... murder that's all any body ever hears! And pretty soon that's all any body's going to do! I'm a girl, but one of these days, I'm going to be President. That might sound like some stupid kid's dream, but I'm going to try! I'm going to try so hard! And, will try to stop all of this. But really that's ~~the~~ what Bobby Kennedy wanted to do! Isn't it? But then again, I think also when I grow up that no body is going to want to be President! For reasons of my own!

Please, write back + tell me the ~~answer~~ answers to my questions! It ~~is~~ means so much to me! And please, read this your ~~self~~ self!

Address- Staci McIntire

RR #1

Greenfield Ind. 46140

Miss Staci McIntire

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June 17, 1968 *C092*

Dear Mrs. Kiesselbach:

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Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

Mrs. Karl H. Kiesselbach
USA STRATCOM-EUR.
Engineer Command
APO, New York 09056

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APO New York 09056
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The President
The White House

Dear Mr. President:

As I sit here writing this letter I am still so stunned and shocked over just learning of Robert Kennedy's death that I must, absolutely must in some way, get these things from my mind onto a piece of paper. It was just four and half years ago that we heard the same news - Kennedy has been shot! At that time I was at the hub of it all - working for General Services Administration in Washington, D.C. How I remember the disbelief we all registered.

Oh I know you will probably never see this letter because I am all too familiar with the workings of top Government. I just pray to God that you will be able (because I KNOW you will do all in your power) to in some way help to save our country while you are still in office.

In the last several years we have been helpless as we have watched our country on the downward trend, watched the almost complete disintegration of law and order. My husband and I have been here in Western Germany for almost a year and a half now. Many of us once said how proud we were to be Americans; now we hang our heads in shame. I LOVE MY COUNTRY, MR. PRESIDENT, and I cry my heart out now in absolute anguish. How I feel for the Kennedy family, but how my heart aches for our country.

Oh God, I ask how much further we are going to have to go before things improve. What have we done that the years of hardship and suffering of our forefathers should now prove to be in vain.

Oh Mr. President, I ask you, YOU, to please listen to the pleas of us - just the everyday people of the country. Do everything in your power to bring back law and order. The way I feel now I could say take every one of those old gaffers who sit on their thrones in the Supreme Court "interpreting the Constitution" and put them in an old folks home where they belong. Since when in the law of ages is the common criminal to be revered, coddled, and sent out in the streets time and again to commit the same crimes.

Please help us all back to sanity. Today I feel as if I'm on the edge of insanity.

Respectfully yours,

Mrs. Ruth Marie Kieselbach

June 17, 1968

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Dear Mrs. Serrata:

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Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

Mrs. Francisco Serrata
101 Mariposa Street
Brisbane, California 94005

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Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

Mrs. Telly A. Savalas
6 Chesterfield Street
Mayfair
London, W.1., England

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Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

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Miss Judy Surdyka
7 Jones Place
Edison, New Jersey

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President Johnson
Washington, D.C.

Dear President Johnson,

Today was the very sad day when Senator Kennedy was shot - I am truly sorry about it. That's why I have decided to write to you.

Couldn't you please improve the U.S. before you go helping people overseas? Don't you see, our country is falling apart and we aren't safe?! Don't you realize that we are going to destroy ourselves? You see the people in this country resort to violence so quickly - and the only way if any that someone will take over this country will be to kill our top leaders - like President Kennedy - all our leaders that we look up to, one by one. Don't you see what's happening to us? We have to try and settle our differences and the sooner the better! Please President Johnson - Please help our country before something terrible happens - which will ruin us. That's the only way we can be strong and defend ourselves. We must live in peace and rid this country of our aggressors before we can defend ourselves and be a truly great country!

We have so many things wrong here! Right now our fine, really good country is in a state of confusion and we are stumbling instead of going strong. We need someone strong and willing to help us out. We have so many faults, - 1. starvation 2. slums, 3. so many people on welfare who can work, 4. Too high a tax rate, 5. Too many misunderstandings and misgivings. So Please, Please Help our country to get back on our feet! After all, we need HELP too!!!!

Thank - You very much,
Miss Judy Surdyka Surdyka

P.S. - I really feel bad about how our country is. PLEASE Help

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June 17, 1968

Dear Mrs. McNutt:

Thank you for your letter to President Johnson at this time of great sorrow.

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Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

Mrs. Carol E. Stowell McNutt
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③ Kailua, Hawaii 96734
June 5, 1968

Lyndon B. Johnson
President of the United States
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. President,

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I must correct this letter. Between the time I began it, and drove my husband to leave for Viet Nam we heard the tragic news of the death of Senator Robert Kennedy. God help this country. He was the one man who could have made us a nation with pride and hope, as did his brother. The loss of their guidance is so tragic it is beyond comment. The comment is the state of the United States today.

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political leadership of Senator Ted Kennedy, and hope that the Kennedy family is willing to share the political genius of this one remaining Kennedy son to an ungrateful American nation.

It is not not surprising that the assassin of Senator Robert Kennedy was the product of an American High School, whether he was an emigrant or not.

When I entered my eldest child in a California school, I was severely rebuked for having taught her to read before she entered school in California. Four years of playing at home was not enough.

It is far past time that this nation stopped playing and started working. I am not referring so much to the sociological lower classes as to the middle and upper middle classes. I was born in poverty, so I know that there is no excuse for looting, rioting, burning and destructive actions. Such actions tear down. They do not build. And they should be dealt with accordingly.

In California we lived in a typical middle class American community. The community contained a doctor, a lawyer, a service station manager, a city planner, a military family(ours) and men with similar sociological level occupations. Almost without exceptions the children of these families were spoiled, heaped with gifts which they destroyed as rapidly as possible, irresponsible, selfish, bullies, and encouraged in their behavior by their parents and the schools! The parents of these children were even worse. They were so naive and spoiled it is incredible. Their working hours were just about one half of those of my husband and myself.

Let us hope that the great hearts of the late President John F. Kennedy, and Senator Robert Kennedy will be reborn in the hearts of some responsible Americans.

Sincerely,
① Mrs. Carol E. Stowell McNutt

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JL3/Kennedy, Robt. F.
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June 17, 1968

Dear Mrs. Ladygu:

On behalf of President Johnson, I should like to acknowledge your letter and thank you for writing. Your interest in letting him have your comments is appreciated and you may be sure they have been fully noted.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

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Mrs. P. Ladygu
126 Congress Avenue
Waterbury, Connecticut

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Dear president L. B. Johnson
I wish you would have
bullet proof glass
booth made for yourself
and all your leaders
out doors and in doors
bullet proof glass booths
to make all your speeches
from and all the best
of the presidents to come,
with. We have all kinds
of devices to speak from
and speak to, so it is
possible to have bullet
proof glass booths for our
important speakers of the
United States of America
I wrote this because of
what has happen to J. F. K.
and his brother senator.
Good Creator of the
humans Bless you president
Johnson with health and

good success with health
and life of yours and
your family. The idea
of glass booths bullet
proof booths come to my
mind when I heard of
the sad news this morn-
ing of J. F. K's brother.
hope I am of some help
for the future of our
president L. B. Johnson
and all the good leaders
and speakers of the
world. God God bless
you always with success
in life and all our
good leaders of the
United States of America

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JL 3/Kennedy, Robt. F.

June 17, 1968

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Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

Miss Ruth C. ^{*}Ransberger
312 Hollywood
Coleman, Texas 78834

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Ruth C. Ransberger
312 Hollywood
Coleman, Texas



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Please see that the public is
informed that these killings
were not committed by
Americans - but foreigners.
I have been watching the
interviews - people from other
countries are asking how few
are killed in their country -
compared to U.S.A.

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June 17, 1968

Dear Mrs. Harding:

President Johnson has asked me to thank you for your letter at this time of great sorrow.

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Sincerely,

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Assistant to the President

Mrs. William Harding (*Hazel Harding*)
1337 25th Street
Parkersburg, West Virginia 26101

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President Lyndon B. Johnson
White House
Washington, D. C.

June 6, 1968

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My Dear President Johnson;

Like many other Americans I find myself sick with grief at the fate of Senator Kennedy. Much has been said about the rise in the violence of our countrymen, and what used to be the American way of life is fast disappearing. There are so many areas in which we need to re-think our former decisions, and I humbly offer my thoughts and views as an American mother of two sons, one a Captain in Viet Nam, his second tour of duty, and the other a Graduate student at the University of Texas.

If my son had marched or participated in any way against his school we would have cut off our financial support and brought him home and he knows it. I think the answer to a good bit of our trouble starts in the home if we speak in a manner to downgrade our Politicians, Ministers, Black Americans, Jewish Americans or any minority group. I was shocked to hear some of my closest friends remark that the people at Resurrection City deserved the mud and misery they were enduring, while they sat drinking coffee in the comfort of beautiful homes. If you were to ask them if they

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were Christians, they would be shocked that you would doubt it for one moment. Their children adopt their attitudes and the problem goes on.

To have taken God out of the schools & feel was the greatest mistake ever made. For many children it was the only place they ever heard the Bible or thanked God for their daily bread.

We have had an influx of people from countries where the only life they have known is violence and if our offerings at the Moving Picture Theaters are any indication of what our life in America is like, it's all Sex and Violence. "Bonnie & Clyde". How can we expect our young couples to sit for a couple of hours and when they leave the theatre expect them to go home feeling morally uplifted? It's the adult world also who produce these films, make money from them and then shake their heads in wonder at our young men and women's morals.

Our Press and Television coverage are unequalled anywhere in the world but it has wicked side effects. There seems to be a chain reaction when one group of students demonstrate, another group feels it's a good

idea to try the same thing and our problems are compounded.

My prayers are with you Mr. President as you try to find the answer. I hope my letter hasn't bored you, as I said at the beginning of my letter, I am only a housewife and mother but I want so much to help it hurts. I'm sure the answer lies in our homes, churches and schools. We have lost control completely and we must lay new foundations for future generations to build on.

Very truly yours,

Hazel Harding

① (Mrs. William Harding

② 1337 25th St.

③ Parkersburg,

West Virginia 26101

GENERAL

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JL3/Kennedy, Robert

June 17, 1968

Dear Mr. Nakamura:

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Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

Mr. Horace K. Nakamura
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JL3/Kennedy, Robert
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June 17, 1968

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Mr. William A. Gault

Bisbee, North Dakota 58317

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Pro action to curb crime + riots

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BISBEE, NORTH DAKOTA

June 6, 1968

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To The Office Of The President Of The United States

THE HONORABLE PRESIDENT LYNDON B. JOHNSON

Dear Sir:

I am deeply sorry what has happened to Senator Robert F. Kennedy, I think that the people of the United States have truly lost a fine citizen, politician, spokesman and a very fine statesman. I believe we should have this day set aside for his memorial.

I also think that Mr. Martin Luthe King was a fine man , but they had his name on every television, radio, when he died and went on and on about him. They cancelled the baseball game, "Major League" and everything else. When Mr. Kennedy died things went on just as an everyday occurrence.

This nation as a whole had better get there heads together and stop this violence, make an example of a few of these people so that they will quit this dam killing. I don't know why we didn't go into California a couple of years ago when they started this riot business and lynch a few of those marchers and rioters. If someone would put there foot down hard word travels fast. I believe there would be no more of these marches, riots, looters and I think that if some of this welfare business was taken away and these people would get out and do something they wouldn't have so much time on there hands to stir up trouble.

I Can't imagine the job you must have Mr. President but some one has got to get busy or maybe we won't be here to see our kids grow, and I certainly want to see my young daughters grow up and live in a respectful country, it certainly makes a person wonder what will happen in the next few years.

There are several troubled spots in the world but It has to be cleaned up as soon as possible. We are losing our young people in that war in Viet Nam and that is a dirty shame. One life is just as important as another whether it be King, Kennedy or someone else it certainly is to bad.

Sincerely yours,

Mr. William A Gault

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June 17, 1968

JL 3/Kennedy, Robert F.

Dear Mr. Harper:

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Assistant to the President

Mr. Jack Harper
Gaskins Lumber Company
324 North Lewis Street
Harrisburg, Illinois 62946

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Miss Virginia McKenzie
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Dickinson, Texas 77539

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Dickinson, Texas

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President of the United States
White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. President,

I am Virginia McLeuzie, a fellow American, I write
a plea to you: Dear Sir, the speech you gave over
television to America on the shooting of Senator Kennedy
contained the passion and love of a good man, yourself,
that is why I write to you now.

Mr. Johnson, it is up to you to help our nation.
By this statement I mean that because you are in a
high office you have the power to help our people.
You have been honored with political power to help govern
and control your fellow Americans, therefore, your
influence on every individual is of utmost importance.

But - every newspaper writer is important too.
What if every newspaper in every town, city, and state

could report on the front page (I repeat, on the front page), thru good, honest events of the day. Headline the goodness of man, secondary the evil events of man. The newspaperman reports and prints slander because this is his habit. It sells! It sells!, he says. If I had the power I would challenge one large newspaper to headline good deeds for one year, five years, or ten. I believe his circulation would increase. Not just one man but many must be concerned with our nation today after the death of Kennedy.

Sir, we in America are capable, aren't we? I am in my thirties, I began college two years ago. But I am concerned when a history teacher says "It makes no difference what you tell young people, they only want a grade. The political jargon thrown around during campaigns is a language all its own - so a TV newsmen told me this morning. But, young people and uneducated persons do not know this. And - what we are told is a large part of our education, and what we read!

The real answer for America today is education through teaching. The teacher is not only in the classroom!

but the teacher is the politician and the newsmen.

Sir, you are challenged with the affairs of state each hour. I challenge you with the moral future of our nation. For sir, it is you and I as individuals who have the power to help our country. The moral challenge of today belongs to every man.

Young people want the right of choice; they will demand and get the right of choice. It is our responsibility as adults to give them this right under law. Only under law will our democracy remain alive. The man who buys a gun today doesn't want law if it is for protection. Are we so frightened of our own law that we revert to frontierism?

Sir, I plead with you the President of these United States to wake up America, or soon there will be no United States to wake up. Thank you, may God bless you.

Sincerely,

Miss Virginia McKenzie

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JL 3/Kennedy, Robert F.

June 17, 1968

Dear Miss De Rosa:

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Re RFK assassination
Comments on violence in U.S.

P.O. Box 311
Pawling, New York
12564
June 5, 1968

President Johnson
c/o White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear President Johnson:

I have never been lucky enough to meet you or to even see or shake your hand, but I am an American and I find it in my heart that I must write and give you my opinion on this so call Great Nation of ours.

You know, I can't believe what this world is coming to. Don't the American People realize that the War in VIETNAM is bad enough without more and more violence. First it was President John F. Kennedy, then Dr. Martin L. King and now Senator Robert F. Kennedy. What is coming out of all these acts? I can give you an answer - NOTHING. Just hurt and above all distruction of our great nation.

Mr. President, I can remember when I was in Grade School and then in High School. Boy, was I ever PROUD of being an American. I was PROUD of my wonderful country. But now I am not Proud of either being an American or of my Country. I am Shocked!!!

Why can't all Americans just live good lives filled with happiness and love for all? Why must there be violence?

What about all those wonderful American boys in Vietnam fighting for our Nation? I don't think that the American people really realize the seriousness of what is going on both within the United Satates and in Vietnam. If we did, there surly would not be acts of violence within the United States.

Believe me I am PROUD of our boys in Vietnam, but it seems to me that our boys are fighting and getting killed for no reason. If the American people can't find peace among themselves how can we find WORLD PEACE?

President Johnson

June 5, 1968

President Johnson, I am young - only 21 years - and I have alot of years left of my life. I am just wondering if it is worth living for. Will the American people really know the true meaning of

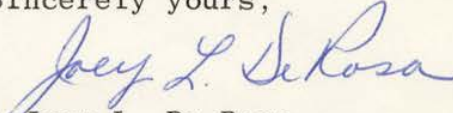
(1) LOVE OF THY NEIGHBOR

(2) WORLD PEACE.

I can only pray that God will help us all to some day find the real meaning.

God bless you President Johnson, and you are always in my prayers and heart.

Sincerely yours,



(Miss) Joey L. De Rosa

P.S.

President Johnson, I know that you are a very busy man but I would like to hear from you in regard to this letter if you can find a few minutes to spare. If not, I will understand.

P.S.S. I am angry and furious but I still love my country.

June 17, 1968

GENERAL

LE/JL3

JL 3/Kennedy Robt F.

Dear Miss Brooker:

President Johnson has asked me to thank you for your letter at this time of terrible sorrow.

The President more than shares your concern over lawlessness in a country that has and must always draw strength from the decency and dedication of its people. In his words, there can be no justification for violence that tears at the fabric of our national life.

For many months the President has urged the Congress to enact stringent crime and gun control legislation. Of immediate importance, you may want to read in full his remarks of June 5 and June 10 on combatting and inquiring into the causes of violence. The enclosed copies come to you with the President's appreciation for your interest.

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

Miss Cecille Brooker
8865 Alden Drive
Los Angeles, California 90048

Enclosures: (6/5 televised remarks on shooting;
6/10 remarks to commission)

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GENERAL

June 17, 1968

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Dear Mr. Walczykowski:

President Johnson has asked me to thank you for your letter at this time of terrible sorrow.

The President more than shares your concern over lawlessness in a country that has and must always draw strength from the decency and dedication of its people. In his words, there can be no justification for violence that tears at the fabric of our national life.

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Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

Mr. Sigmund Walczykowski
1924 East Wishart Street
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19134

Enclosures: (6/5 televised remarks on shooting;
6/10 remarks to commission)

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GENERAL

J. F. Kennedy, R. F.
ND 19/3/2/1129

June 17, 1968

Dear Specialist Pichulo:

President Johnson has asked me to thank you for your letter at this time of great sorrow. He is very much aware of the effect that reports of violence here at home may have on you who are so bravely serving our Nation's cause in Viet-Nam.

The President more than shares your concern over the lawlessness in a country that has and must always draw strength from the decency and dedication of its people. In his words, there can be no justification for violence that tears at the fabric of our national life.

For many months the President has urged Congress to enact stringent crime and gun control legislation. Of immediate importance, you may want to read in full his remarks of June 5 and June 10 on combatting and inquiring into the causes of violence. The enclosed copies come to you with the President's appreciation for your interest.

You have the President's warm best wishes, and the pledge of his continuing commitment to the cause of peace, unity, and justice for all men.

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

SP/4 Lawrence L. Pichulo
RA 11802896
Company A, 815th Eng. Bn. (CONST)
APO, San Francisco 96318

Enclosures: Rmks of 6/5 and 6/10

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Pleiku, Republic Of Viet Nam
Company A Orderly Room
Engineer Hill
7 June 68.....Friday

Dear MR. President,

I write this letter as an American serving my country in The Republic Of Viet Nam in this time of peril and crisis in the world.

After hearing of the tragic death of a fellow American, The Late Senator Robert F. Kennedy, it makes me wonder, what kind of people are living in America today? Is this The Land of The Free and The Home of The Brave that our National Anthem so describes, Is the land of opportunity and fortune that our American Men will return to after serving their country overseas? Is this the way people show their appreciation for the valiant efforts of their sons who have given their lives so that America will remain a Free Nation?

As an American Soldier serving in The Armed Forces of Our Nation, I am shocked and deeply saddened by the loss of a truly great American who died at the hands of an assassin while trying to make America a better place for his Fello Americans. Is this what our GI s are dying for, so that people can run amok in a trail of violence and destruction throughout the nation? MR. President, what is it that we are fighting for here in Viet Nam?

Very Sincerely;
United States Army Specialist Fourth
class..Lawrence Louis Pichulo.....

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[EVL]

Platoon, Republic of Viet Nam
Company A Orderly Room
Engineer Hill
7 June 68.....Friday

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As an American Soldier serving in the Armed Forces of the United States, I am shocked and deeply saddened by the loss of a great American who died at the hands of an assassin in this city. It is this what our GI's are dying for, so that people can run amok in a trail of violence and destruction throughout the nation? Mr. President, what is it that we are fighting for here in Viet Nam?

Very Sincerely;
United States Army Specialist Fourth
Class...Lawrence Louis Pichardo.....

[Signature]

GENERAL

JH3/Kennedy R.F.
170 19/CS3/2/1709

June 17, 1968

Dear Sergeant Kilby:

President Johnson has asked me to thank you for your letter at this time of great sorrow. He is very much aware of the effect that reports of violence here at home may have on you who are so bravely serving our Nation's causes in Viet-Nam.

The President more than shares your concern over lawlessness in a country that has and must always draw strength from the decency and dedication of its people. In his words, there can be no justification for violence that tears at the fabric of our national life. For many months the President has urged Congress to enact stringent crime and gun control legislation. Of immediate importance, you may want to read the enclosed copies of his remarks of June 5 and June 10 on combatting and inquiring into the causes of violence.

The President also asked me to express his pride and gratitude for the contributions you and your comrades are making toward the cherished goals of a peaceful and law-abiding world. Free men will be forever in your debt.

With the President's warm best wishes,

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

Sergeant Harvey A. Kilby
Box 26
12th Civil Engineer Sq.
APO, San Francisco 96326

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Sgt Harvey A. Kilby
12th Civil Engineer Sq
APO San Francisco 96326
6 June 1968

President Lyndon B. Johnson
White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. President;

We American fighting men here in Vietnam sit stunned with the tragic news of the maddening attempt to assassinate one of our country's finest representatives, Senator Robert F. Kennedy, and the other fine citizens, in cold blood. This act was committed with complete disregard to the law of the land, the taking of human life and the laws of God. We sit here in the rain, staring at each other in disbelief and disgust at what is happening in that land of the free 12,000 miles away - yes, that same country we are here for, young, proud Americans die for - every day. But the fighting here, nor even the fear of dying here does not worry us now, these men would fight from here to eternity if our country needed. The worry in the hearts and minds of these young and gallant men, most whose Fathers fought and many died in other battles for freedom, - LIES AT HOME! They and I wonder in deep frustration - WHAT THE HELL IS GOING ON BACK THERE!!

If the unity, brotherhood, understanding, respect for others, and the devout love of our country, what she is and stands for, knowing the precious privilege of being an American and having the privilege to serve her - if these factors prevailed at home as it does here among ALL the guardian of her Constitution, - maybe - just maybe - - But we will not give up our hope and trust in our homeland and especially it's peoples!

Thank you Mr. President for listening.

Sincerely,

Sgt. HARVEY A. KILBY

WHITE HOUSE
MAIL ROOM
1200 Civil Building
170 San Francisco
June 1968

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President Lyndon B. Johnson
White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. President:

We American fighting men here in Vietnam are stunned with the tragic news of the continuing attempt to assassinate one of our country's finest representatives, Senator Robert F. Kennedy, and the other fine citizens, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. This act was committed with complete disregard to the law of the land, the taking of human life and the fear of God. We sit here in the rain, staring at each other in disbelief and disgust at what is happening in that land of the free and 12,000 miles away - yes, that same country we are here for, young, proud Americans die for - every day. But the light is here, not even the fear of dying here does not worry us now, these men would fight from here to establish it our country needed. The worry in the hearts and minds of these young and gallant men, most whose fathers fought and many died in other battles for freedom - LIKE AT HOME they and I wonder in deep frustration - WHAT THE HELL IS GOING ON BACK THERE!

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Thank you Mr. President for listening.

Sincerely,

HARVEY A. KIRBY

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GENERAL

GL 3/Kennedy, R.F.
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June 17, 1968

Dear Specialist Wetterlind:

President Johnson appreciates your thoughtfulness in writing to him at this time of sorrow. He mourns with the nation -- and with the countless millions around the world -- the tragic death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy. Our Nation has indeed lost another very talented leader.

The President more than shares your concern over lawlessness in a country that has and must always draw strength from the decency and dedication of its people. In his words, there can be no justification for violence that tears at the fabric of our national life. For many months the President has urged Congress to enact stringent crime and gun control legislation. Of immediate importance, you may want to read the enclosed copies of his remarks of June 5 and June 10 on combatting and inquiring into the causes of violence.

The President also wants you to know that he is indeed proud of you and your comrades who defend freedom at this crucial time. You have his warm best wishes and the pledge of his continuing commitment to the cause of peace, unity, and justice.

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

Specialist 5 Larry M. ⁺Wetterlind
US 56691799
HHC 27th Engineer Battalion (C)
APO, San Francisco 96308

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Servesman in Vietnam

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Dear Mrs. President,

June 6, 1968

AQ/CS Please excuse me for interrupting your tedious schedule, but I felt that in these last few days of national turbulence and grotesque actions by a few individuals, that I must write you directly and express not only my personal feelings, but those of almost every other man within my unit here in Vietnam.

When President Kennedy was assassinated, the world was shocked to say the least. Then, but a few years later, another great leader was slain by the hands of a foolish and unthinking person, Dr. Martin Luther King, a symbol of peace and world brotherhood. Now, only a few weeks after the second atrocity to our great nation was committed, yet another shocking incident has occurred, the assassination of Senator Robert Kennedy.

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June 6, 1968

Dear Mr. President,

As I have known you for many years, your letters are always welcome, but I felt that in this last few days of your return to the White House and your return to the White House, that I must say to you directly and express not only my personal feelings, but those of almost every other man with my unit here in Vietnam.

When President Kennedy was assassinated, the world was shocked to say the least. Then, later, a few years later, another great leader was slain by the hands of a foolish and unthinking person, Dr. Martin Luther King, a symbol of peace and world brotherhood. When, up a few weeks after the second attack, the first letter was committed, yet another shocking incident has occurred, the assassination of Senator Robert Kennedy.

When I heard of Senator Kennedy's assassination, my legs felt weak and I had to sit down and clear my mind. I have asked myself over and over, what is happening to my countrymen back in the states.

What pressure is driving individuals to commit such acts of violence and instability? I have overheard many men here talk about the crisis back home, and have seen the effect it has had on them, its not pretty.

Many senior Americans look upon the atrocities being committed in these violent years and think that our generation is going into turmoil and unthinking chaos. Mr President, on the contrary, I think that the next 10-20 years will see a startling change in America. These men over here, young Americans, are sick and tired of hearing about assassinations and grotesque acts being committed back in their homeland. They are just plain tired of riots, protests and the likes.

These men are Tomorrows leaders, the ones who will shape the world to their desires and needs; and after hearing and feeling their common emotions over here I can only say that I am proud to be one of them and share this world of which we shall inherit.

There are going to be great changes made in the next decade, it will come hard and fast. These men are determined to better our world at the cost of their very lives.

We are all willing to do our parts and more for the developement of a strong and united country and world.

I for one have enrolled in the Los Angeles Police academy with the hopes a becoming a useful Law enforcement officer.

Mr President, we, the young citizens far from home, salute you. Though foolish individuals thwart and protest you, you persist in your ideals and for the betterment of the United States of America

Through courage such as yours, and the men over here, who are dying for what they believe is right, we shall have that better world in which to live and we shall preserve it thus.

May the criminals and sadists of the world take heed, for through unfaltering devotion to country and ideals, such as these men and yourself possess, we will unite and obliterate these fascists and make the streets safe once more.

I thank you Mr. President for taking your time to read my letter.

May I personally, as unknown as I may be, wish you the best of luck in every aspect of your office and duties. You sir, are a true American.

W. [Env.]

Sgt Larry M Detterline

US 566 91799

HHC 27th Engineer Battalion (C)

APO San Francisco 96308

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GENERAL

JH 3/Kennedy R. F.
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June 17, 1968

Dear Corporal Wolk:

President Johnson has asked me to thank you for your letter at this time of great sorrow. He is very much aware of the effect that reports of violence here at home may have on you who are so bravely serving our Nation's cause in Viet-Nam.

The President more than shares your concern over lawlessness in a country that has and must always draw strength from the decency and dedication of its people. In his words, there can be no justification for violence that tears at the fabric of our national life. For many months the President has urged Congress to enact stringent crime and gun control legislation. Of immediate importance, you may want to read the enclosed copies of his remarks of June 5 and June 10 on combatting and inquiring into the causes of violence.

The President also asked me to express his pride and gratitude for the contributions you and your buddies are making toward the cherished goals of a peaceful and law-abiding world. Free men will be forever in your debt.

With the President's best wishes,

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

Corporal R. A. Wolk, USMC
2203238
H&S Co., 3rd S. P. Bn., 3rd Marine Div.
FPO, San Francisco 96602

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3D MARINE DIVISION (REIN), FMF, VIETNAM.

DEAR MR. PRESIDENT, Sir,

I just heard of the sorrowful news of Senator Robert Kennedy's death and felt I had to let someone know the feelings inside of me.

I think it is an assomine stunt the idiots back there pulled this time. We received the bulletin over the Armed Forces Radio Station Viet Nam. I think it was a damn shame. It really was !!! When are people going to wise up, if they ever do. That just about blew my faith and confidence in the free states - called America. I'm getting to feel I don't even want to come back to the hypocritical, ignorant people. I'm going into the Career Advisors office tomorrow to get the information on extending my tour over here (I was planning on getting out of the service to get married in January - but I'm afraid to have kids). This hole is better than the States are going to be in, in a few weeks, if not a few days, or already. The repercussions are going to be terrible.

Over here they have no Race Riots - no protest marches, no Freedom Riders, no confusion or chaos except for the state of war. (Not even attempts by the people of the President or Prime Minister to assassinate him. (Just by the infiltrators from North Viet Nam) not his own partisans !!)

30 MARINE DIVISION (REIN), FME, VIETNAM.



Dear Mr. President, Sir,

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not his own partisans!!

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3D MARINE DIVISION (REIN), FMF, VIETNAM.

We try to tell all the other countries that the free Nation is best with the free election — then turn right around and assassinate the man elected as the Chief of the Nation (JFK), then the man that is just running for the NOMINATION to that post. My God — what is this country of OVERS coming to??? That is the question of the men over here — giving up many things — including their lives, to stand up for that way of life — The FREEDOM, Liberty, and Justice for all — what is the Answer?? How are we over here, suppose to give this fight all we have — to win and preserve those rights — Liberty — and Justices ??? I just wish I could ask the whole populace this question. It's just that so many men over here feel the same way, and more and more are getting to feel this way, too. I realize that it is just those "Ten Percent" — but how many others Realize this ??

Thank you for your time and patients

One that CARES
and
A Fellow AMERICAN!

Cordially Yours
Cpl. R.A. Wolk 2203238
H/SCo. 3RD S.P. Bn. 3RD MARDIV
FPO SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF
96602



3D MARINE DIVISION (REIN), FMF, VIETNAM.

P.S. Would you please offer my condolences
to those concerned. I'd appreciate it
much.

GENERAL

443/Kennedy, R.F.
ND 19/CS 312/ND 9

June 17, 1968

Dear Mrs. Patton:

President Johnson has asked me to thank you and Mrs. James Yazel for writing to him. He, too, was deeply saddened over the tragic death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy. Our country has indeed lost another very talented leader.

The President more than shares your concern over lawlessness in a country that has and must always draw strength from the decency and dedication of its people. In his words, there can be no justification for violence that tears at the fabric of our national life. For many months the President has urged Congress to enact stringent crime and gun control legislation. Of immediate importance, you may want to read the enclosed copies of his remarks of June 5 and June 10 on combatting and inquiring into the causes of violence.

The President also wants you to know that he is deeply grateful for the tremendous contributions our courageous men in uniform are making to the cause of freedom at this crucial time. He prays daily that we may soon see the peace and freedom for which the world so desperately yearns.

With the President's warm good wishes,

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

Mrs. Clyde Patton
Route 1, Box 184
Tiskilwa, Illinois 61368

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Dear President Johnson,
My brother just
came home from Vietnam. //
He was there 1 1/2 yrs & I was
so proud of him & the thought
of him helping to protect our
freedom. Now I feel like
freedom can go to hell!
If freedom means the
killing of men who are
only interested in helping
the down & out. If
freedom means the right
to kill anyone you
please then the hell
with it. My brother
was proud of his duty in
Vietnam but now he
wonders (as do we all)
what is the use of freedom.
How can people be so
ignorant? Don't they
realize that its men

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like the Kennedy's who make
our life possible & to think
this man who killed Bobby
is a foreigner to boot.

I just don't feel like
life is worth living if
you have to be afraid
of being shot every time
you move.

I realize the world
needs a form of government to
operate, but why can't the
country get together & make
an international government.
When we get to the stars this
will eventually be the way
it will be.

I think america needs
to be given one big Psych
test. We'd probably be shocked
& depressed with the outcome.

I can't imagine how
people can hate a person they

Don't know personally enough
to kill them. Now Mrs. R. F. Kennedy
has 11 children to raise alone
without the benefit of a father who
loved them & who was loved by
almost every American.

When Bob died it was like
watching John's ~~funeral~~ ^{funeral} all over.
People don't seem to realize
that one man cannot run a
country it takes a lot of men
working together to get the job
done. I can't see how people
can blame you for the war it
not your fault in fact I think
you have done everything humanly
possible to make this a better
country. You can't solve America's
problems. Neither can any man,
any human, expect to.

The way I feel can best
be expressed in some quotes by
~~Franz~~ Goethe from his book "Faust"

"I am a part of Nothing that
once was everything" (America)
"my Tears are flowing,
Earth take back your child"
May God have mercy on us
we call ourselves Americans
but

May the Good Lord bring you
less of the sorrows & more of the
loves of life, liberty, & the pursuits
of happiness.

Thank you for your
Indulgence,
Mrs Clyde Patton
Rt 1, Box 184
Tiskilwa, Illinois

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Mrs James Yazel
Rt 1
Tiskilwa, Illinois

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GENERAL

*TL3/Kennedy,
Robert F.*

June 15, 1968

Dear Mr. Ehrlich:

President Johnson has asked me to thank you for your letter at this time of terrible sorrow.

The President more than shares your concern over lawlessness in a country that has and must always draw strength from the decency and dedication of its people. In his words, there can be no justification for violence that tears at the fabric of our national life.

For many months the President has urged the Congress to enact stringent crime and gun control legislation. Of immediate importance, you may want to read in full his remarks of June 5 and June 10 on combatting and inquiring into the causes of violence. The enclosed copies come to you with the President's appreciation for your interest.

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

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Mr. Michael Ehrlich
175 Northwest 121st Street
Miami, Florida 33168

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Dear Mr. President,
This is a terrible thing
That happened to Mr. Kennedy.
" all I have to say is
" It could only happen in
The U.S.A.

Thank you
Sincerely,
Michael
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GENERAL

JL3/Kennedy, Robert F.
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June 15, 1968

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Finnegan:

President Johnson has asked me to thank you for your telegram at this time of terrible sorrow. In his words:

"The tragedy and the senseless violence of Robert F. Kennedy's death cast a deep shadow of grief across America and across the world."

The President more than shares your concern over lawlessness in a nation that has and must always draw strength from the decency and dedication of its people. Time and again he has called upon Congress to enact genuinely effective gun control legislation. You may want to read in full his message of June 6 to the Speaker of the House and the President of the Senate. The enclosed copy comes to you with the President's appreciation for your interest -- and his hope for your active support in this urgent cause.

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

Mr. and Mrs. Russell M. Finnegan^x
7920 North Kendall Drive
Miami, Florida

Enclosure: (President's June 6, 1968 letter to the Speaker of the House and the President of the Senate)

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THE PRESIDENT

THE WHITE HOUSE

DEAR MR PRESIDENT AT THE RISK OF BEING CONSIDERED PARTISAN
WE WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS OUR OUTRAGE AT THE ATTEMPTED ASSASSINATION
OF SENATOR KENNEDY. WE BELIEVE THAT THE PEOPLE OF THIS NATION
RIGHT OR WRONG ARE STILL ENTITLED TO A CHOICE AS TO A PRESIDENTIAL
CANDIDATE. ANYTHING YOU CAN DO TO RESOLVE THIS PROBLEM WILL BE
A SERVICE TO OUR COUNTRY AND GET OUR VOTE SHOULD YOU DECIDE

TO RUN AGAIN AS A PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE

LIEUT COL AND MRS RUSSELL M FINNEGAN RETIRED 7920 NORTH KENDALL
DR MIAMI, FLORIDA .

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GENERAL

JL3/Kennedy, Robt. F.

June 17, 1968

Dear Mrs. Figlin:

On behalf of President Johnson, I should like to acknowledge your letter and thank you for writing. Your interest in letting him have your comments is appreciated and you may be sure they have been fully noted.

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

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Mrs. F. Figlin
337 Green Avenue
Lyndhurst, New Jersey

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Mrs. F. Figlin
337 Green Ave.
Lyndhurst, N. J.

My Dear President
Me and my Family
Are deeply sorry
About the Health of
Mr. Kennedy my
Suggestion of prevent
ing any man ass. is
to have further Speeches
to Be Behind a Bullet
Proof glass and a
microphone this is

my suggestion

Thank You

Mrs. F. Figlia

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June 17, 1968

Dear Mrs. Sharpe:

On behalf of President Johnson, I should like to acknowledge your letter and thank you for writing. Your interest in letting him have your comments is appreciated and you may be sure they have been fully noted.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

Mrs. Clete Sharpe^x
4203 Flowerfield Road
Norfolk, Virginia 23518

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June 5-1968
Norfolk, Va.

Mr. Lyndon B. Johnson
White House
Washington D.C.

Dear Mr. President.

In behalf of what's
happened in our Nation last
night and as we are praying
with you for our Beloved
America - I felt impelled
to write. Asking you to please
get some of our patriotic
America song back on Tele-
vision & before the public.
Like "God Bless America"
"America" etc. and revive
America to fight for the
good of our land.

For God has blessed

america and we have
millions of good christian
Americans who would like
to praise God for Blessing
America. For giving us this
wonderful land and He will
continue to bless us as we
praise him & ask him.

Keeping violence, murder
& fighting off the air & from
before the public.

Jesus said, The thief
cometh only to kill & to kill
and to destroy -

But I am come that we
might have Life and That
we might have it more
abundantly - St. John - 10:10

God bless you
Mrs Clite Sharpe

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ref
JL3/Kennedy, Robert

June 17, 1968

Dear Mrs. Bowman:

On behalf of President Johnson, I should like to acknowledge your letter. Please be sure that your comments have been fully noted.

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

Mrs. Danetta Bowman
Apartment 11
142 Bella Vista
Anaheim, California 92804

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To the president of the United States.

Your question tonight was "What to do?"

I as a Mother will give you the answer to that question.

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GIVE THE YOUNG, THE OLD, PEACE AND PRIDE BACK. THIS IS YOUR ANSWER: " WHAT TO DO IN THIS TIME OF TRIEL AND TRIBULATION" YOU ARE ALWAYS SPEAKING OF.

PRIDE You have left us none.

Mother of a son in the
service in Viet Nam.

Danetta Bowman
Mrs. Danetta Bowman

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Handwritten signatures:
Monte Burton
Monte Burton

OF/

GENERAL

JL3/KENNEDY, R.F.

June 15, 1968

Dear Mrs. Wester:

On behalf of President Johnson, I should like to acknowledge your letter and thank you for writing. Your interest in letting him have your comments is appreciated and you may be sure they have been fully noted.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

Mrs. Frances J.^x Wester
411 Alder Street
Everett, Washington 98201

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411 Alder Street
Everett, Wash. 98201
June 6, 1968

President Lyndon B. Johnson
White House
Washington, D. C. 20520

Dear President Johnson:

With Americans generally I wish to express my shock and profound grief and anxiety over the assassination of Senator Robert Kennedy. It represents a terrible blow to America and to the forces of reconciliation and empathy among groups which he so nobly championed. The specter of moral anarchy and its counterpart, totalitarian repression, have never been so real in people's minds.

I am sure that you are painfully aware of this danger and of the need for dramatic leadership to steer our country away from what appears as the collapse of our moral values and of our very society and toward an affirmative response to the overwhelming challenges our country faces.

May your dedicated response to this tragedy be an increased effort to set priorities where he knew they belong. First must be the ceasing of our monstrous involvement in destroying Vietnam. Second, as this would release the necessary resources of moral commitment and intelligence as well as of wealth, we should concentrate a major portion of these to building our own nation into a diverse but cooperative society that will allow all our children to grow up as responsible citizens in a world community instead of being destined to live in frustration and terror and to die in vain.

My prayers are with you as you face this challenge.

Sincerely and earnestly,
Frances J. Wester
(Mrs.) Frances J. Wester

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JL3/KENNEDY, RF.

June 15, 1968

Dear Mrs. Horton:

On behalf of President Johnson, I should like to acknowledge your letter and thank you for writing. Your interest in letting him have your comments is appreciated and you may be sure they have been fully noted.

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

Mrs. Eula F. Horton
2002 Martha
Harlingen, Texas 78550

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June 15, 1968

JL3/KENNEDY, R.F.

Dear Mrs. Gray:

President Johnson has asked me to thank you for your letter at this time of terrible sorrow.

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Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

Mrs. Donald W. Gray
315 Summit Street, SW.
North Canton, Ohio 44720

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June 15, 1968

GENERAL

JL3/Kennedy
Robert F.

LE/JL3

Dear Mr. Conner:

President Johnson has asked me to thank you for your letter at this time of terrible sorrow.

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Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

Mr. Hugh J. Connor
Manager, WEJL Radio Station
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HUGH J. CONNOR
MANAGER

June 6, 1968

Dear President Johnson:

Thought you might like a copy of the enclosed editorial.

Sincerely,

Hugh Connor

mr, Hugh J. Connor
Station Manager

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June 6, 1968

SHOOTING OF SENATOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY

THE SHOOTING OF SENATOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY, EARLY YESTERDAY MORNING IN LOS ANGELES, AGAIN POINTS OUT THE NEED FOR STRICT ENFORCEMENT OF EXISTING LAWS AND IMMEDIATE ENACTMENT OF NEW LEGISLATION TO CURB THE SALE OF FIREARMS TO IRRESPONSIBLE INDIVIDUALS.

RESPECT FOR HUMAN LIFE IN AMERICA HAS BEEN ON THE DECLINE FOR SOME TIME. AND, ON THE OTHER HAND, DEFIANCE OF AUTHORITY IS GROWING. THERE ARE THOSE WHO BLAME THE DECISIONS HANDED DOWN BY THE SUPREME COURT, WHEREBY - IT IS SAID - THE POLICE HAVE HAD THEIR HANDS TIED AND NO LONGER HAVE THE POWER TO COPE WITH SITUATIONS THAT GET OUT OF HAND.

WE CAN CITE A LOCAL EXAMPLE IN WHICH THREE YOUNG MEN ACCUSED OF ATTACKING SCRANTON POLICE OFFICERS WERE RELEASED FROM CUSTODY AFTER RECEIVING "A MILD SLAP ON THE WRIST."

AT COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY GRADUATION EXERCISES IN NEW YORK THIS PAST WEEK, POLICEMEN WERE ON DUTY TO PREVENT OUTBREAKS OF VIOLENCE. THIS IS A SAD COMMENTARY ON THE STATUS OF EDUCATION IN THE NATION.



more.....

AND JUST A FEW MONTHS AGO - AS CITED IN A WEJL BROADCAST EDITORIAL - SECRETARY OF STATE DEAN RUSK HAD TO BE TAKEN THROUGH A HOTEL GARAGE IN ORDER TO AVOID A GROUP OF PEOPLE WHO BECAME ABUSIVE AS HE ADDRESSED A GATHERING. HE WAS ONLY ONE OF A NUMBER OF PUBLIC OFFICIALS SO DEMEANED. IT IS QUITE EVIDENT THAT CERTAIN GROUPS AND INDIVIDUALS ARE MISINTERPRETING THE RIGHT OF FREE SPEECH AND EXPRESSION. THEY MUST BE BROUGHT TO THEIR SENSES AND TAUGHT THAT LAW AND ORDER MUST PREVAIL. ITS TIME FOR THE PENDULUM TO SWING THE OTHER WAY... AND THE TIME IS RIGHT NOW!

GENERAL

JL 3/Kennedy R.H.F.

June 15, 1968

Dear Mrs. Bullock:

President Johnson has asked me to thank you for your letter at this time of terrible sorrow.

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Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

Mrs. Philip Bullock
Lime Lake
Machias, New York 14101

Lottie Bullock
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The Philip Bullocks
Lime Lake
Machias, New York

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19 Jan Pro Statement Re Shooting of R.K.
Comments
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Sh-69 June 6, 1968

Dear Mr. President,

I take my pen in
hand.

For years I have been
concerned, perplexed,
frustrated and saddened
by the events which have
transpired in our country.

I belong to America's
middle class rank, am
a recently retired school
teacher and being of a
conservative nature am a
Republican. I do know who I
am voting for and have
been known to cross party
lines.

My reason for telling

you this is because I
can tell you, in part, what
is wrong with America.

You seemed distraught
and angry last night as
you appeared on T.V. How
could you have been
otherwise? All the
commissions in the
world will not change
things until people's
attitudes, loyalties and
sense of values change.
Of course I mean the
many persons and groups
of persons who cause
our serious problems.

Twenty-five years
ago I began to sense a
change in respect for

law and order. In school we must consider "the individual" - which good teachers had always done but had also taught since we live in a group we must consider others.

I could write reams on what has happened to education - today we are reaping the results of permissiveness and the progressive theory in education. I well remembered the Supreme Court's decision on saluting the flag. The lad in school who used his right to refuse to salute was the "bad boy" of the school, before & after.

The ones who have chosen to break the law have been coddled and protected beyond common sense. I remember a few years ago reading about "L & P." In Detroit there had been a great increase in juvenile delinquency. An inquiring reporter talked to offenders, some of them several times before the Judge. They bragged that they all knew they would get L & P. - Lecture and Parole.

You know thousands of instances where I know of a few dozen.

My heart is heavy this

morning because of the Kennedy murder. Robert Kennedy had a right to his views and the right to utter them as long as he was a law abiding citizen.

I agree with you that all Americans are not to blame for the violence which is sweeping our land but there are a few who can start to do something about it.

Let's insist on respect for our flag, our officials, our standards, our beliefs, our laws. Let's not be lenient. If a dozen or so

disloyal Americans were placed in jail for a long sentence and much ado was made about it - it would influence others.

I just know that there are practical, simple and effective methods and measures. At this stage working from the top down would be necessary. Many people will be goaded into accepting facts and thousands will rise up and call the effort blessed.

God be with you in these trying and frightful times.

Fraternally Yours,
[Lottie] Bullock
|| (Mrs. Philip)

Home address:

8005 Old Channel Trail
Montague, Michigan

summer address (Pr. env.)

|| General Delivery
|| Machias, New York

GENERAL

June 15, 1968

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Dear Mrs. Hessler:

President Johnson has asked me to thank you for your letter at this time of terrible sorrow.

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Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

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Mrs. W. L. Hessler
2147 Trapani Circle
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2147 Trapani Circle
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Thursday, June 6

Dear President Johnson,

My family and I are shocked and grieved that such a terrible tragedy has been inflicted upon a public figure in this country.

Mr. President, our war is not in Viet Nam it is at the doorstep to the White House. It's time to call our soldiers home, turn our weapons into plowshears and start building the America we were meant to be. How can we free Asian countries of communism, hunger and disease when we cannot do it within our own borders?

It is time for our armies to be put to work building with minority groups, new homes and better environments for all poor and needy peoples of this country.

I pray God will give you and our next president the strength and courage to radically bring about these desperately needed changes.

Respectfully yours,
Mrs. W. L. Hessler
(ENV)

June 15, 1968

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JL3/Kennedy Rchtf

Dear Mrs. Williams:

President Johnson has asked me to thank you for your letter at this time of terrible sorrow.

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Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

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Mrs. Bea Williams
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Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan 48236

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Williams
1985 Hawthorne
Grosse Pointe Woods
Michigan 48236 -

Presiden!

19 Dear President
Johnson -
Comment assassination of R.K.
Religious commentary
I hope
you will forgive
this liberty I take
to write to you,
but I feel
compelled to do
this, because of
what has happened
in this country
today.

I have made this
my home for 11
years, with my
husband and two
sons and daughter
I have a son
and daughter-in-law

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in California
but here is the
difference between
the man who did
this terrible thing
today, and my
son who has been
in Seminary for
a year and now
in a small
church in California
I also have another
son in Michigan
State University
training to be
a Doctor.

This is the
point I am

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trying to make
these two young
man, have always
had Religion &
to trust in the
home, so when
it isn't in the
home and not
at all in
the School
where do these
young people
learn of such
things as love
one another.
But by the good
book

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Please, Before
you leave office
is there any
hope of having
any Religion, I
think this is the
only hope for
the Races to
live peaceably
together, because
there isn't a
color bar
between Christians.
I am just a
mother of a boy who
has been maybe told
of God to write this

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letter.

We came to this county 11 years ago just about the time this man came my son Phil is 22, and he is in California tonight serving God. the other man has a nation torn apart.

The big difference is love & Religion I am afraid if we are not careful we will have a lot of angry young men on our

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hands, infact I
think we have
~~known~~ already
but lets try
and call a
halt soon.

I love America
dearly, I would
not write this
letter if I did
not. I didnt
think I would make
such roots after
living in England
but I have
love to you & Miss John
With much sorrow
& concern ^{our} Bea William ^(ENL)

June 15, 1968

GENERAL

JL 3/Kennedy Robt F.

Dear Miss Haskin:

President Johnson has asked me to thank you for your letter at this time of terrible sorrow.

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Assistant to the President

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Miss Carol Haskin
4032 Wakefield
Berkley, Michigan 48072

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do as a citizen

4032 Wakefield
Buckley, Mich.
June 5, 1968

1600 Pennsylvania Ave
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. President-

You have probably gotten many
letters prompted by today's shooting
of Sen. Robert Kennedy. Still I find
it impossible to sit back apathetically
and let this shooting pass without
expressing my disgust, concern,
and dismay.

First of all I'd like to explain
that I'm seventeen years old - a
junior in high school. This summer
I will be representing the United
States for two months in the
Philippines as an exchange student.
How can I explain to the Filipinos
and others I meet (I will be living
in the capital with the president of
a medical movement as my father)
what is happening here in the U.S.?

The saddest thing is that I
am no longer ~~off~~ proud to be an
American. I am quite concerned
and worried about the change in
my emotions. I once loved my
country - but now I'm not sure.
Sure is no longer any bond of
brotherhood or patriotism joining
Americans. Everyone in the U.S.
is essentially alone now - with
his countrymen as enemies.

One instinctively wants to run away from a situation of this sort. But an intelligent American knows that for a problem to be solved it must be bravely and honestly faced. For this reason I am writing to you to ask what I - as a teenager, unable to vote or make any grave impression on the community - can do to right the wrongs in our decaying society. I want to be able to show the people in the Philippines the good side of America - but which ever way I turn there seems to be no good side. Therefore I feel we must use our strength and what national unity we have left to turn over the boulder until it rests with the good side facing up. We can't let anything of this sort ever happen again.

Please help,

Sincerely,

Miss Carol Haskin

GENERAL

June 15, 1968

JL 3/Kennedy Robt F.

Dear Mrs. Romeo:

President Johnson has asked me to thank you for your letter at this time of terrible sorrow.

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Sincerely,

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Centereach, New York 11720

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" — Comments re assassin.
Critical of news & T.V. media + movies
June 6, 1968
Suggestions to combat lawlessness

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President Lyndon B. Johnson
Washington, D. C.

My dear President Johnson:

After our latest disgraceful tragedy, you pointed out that 200 million people are not to blame. I, as an American, felt a personal feeling of guilt and shame, particularly when one reads statistics that show us to be far, far in advance of any other country in this dubious honor.

I have been disturbed and upset at the standards to which our movies, news media, of which television is the worst culprit, has sunk. In the name of censorship, nothing is being done as we sink lower into the mire.

My feeling has been for some time, that in this overpopulated world, where quantity seems to exceed quality, that all this violence constantly being brought to the forefront on every possible medium, can only bring about the era that we have lived to see. One of our eminent doctors, this morning, observed, as to how, if he were confronted by a teenager, on a dark street he would hope that the teenager had not seen Bonny and Clyde.

I was raised to respect law and order and have been called a square because of this view, but my common sense did tell me, that despite everyone reciting the Bill of Rights to me, and how it is everyone's prerogative to fight the system, that no people can exist in a society that knows no respect for parent, teacher, law-

men, or their president, for that matter. It is indeed a very sad comment on our society, when men like Stevenson, Humphrey, you, Mr. President and others of like stature, can be booed and hissed down by a bunch of students. When we reached those depths, I knew anything could happen.

I can only hope, Mr. President, that within the framework of our Bill of Rights, that something can be done about this very deplorable state we are in. I do not believe that our schools and other public institutions should condone the lack of respect for persons and property that a large number of irresponsible parents are guilty of in their home. Teachers are afraid to discipline a pupil just as a policeman is afraid to apprehend a criminal. It seems that these people are the ones that are in line for criticism, rather than the culprits.

I am not unmindful of your terrible burden of running our country, particularly under these present conditions, but I had to give you my feeling of what I believe to be some of the causes.

Obediently yours,

Betty Romeo

Mrs. Betty Romeo
122 Dawn Drive
Centereach, N. Y. 11720

GENERAL

June 15, 1968

JL3/Kennedy Rdt F.

Dear Mr. Satger:

President Johnson has asked me to thank you for your letter at this time of terrible sorrow.

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Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

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L.B. Satger

INSTITUTE OF INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS

BERKELEY, CALIFORNIA 94720

June 5, 1968

to the attention of the White
House Chief Executive,
President Johnson

Dear President:

Like others in this nation and throughout the world I have felt the despair, sorrow and anger caused by the criminal offense perpetrated on the person of Senator Robert Kennedy.

More personally, I have found that your decision to grant the various presidential candidates the protection of the secret service police is an excellent and just decision.

Could I allow myself to even suggest that further preventive steps be taken to discourage potentially criminal conspirators? For instance, to permit the continuation of the spirit of a murdered presidential candidates, a "shadow" vice-candidate - so to speak - would be appointed by the candidate himself at the start of his campaign and would replace him in the race for nomination or presidency. Such "shadow vice-candidate" may or may not be made known to the public. Thus, this vice-candidate's existence would discourage any political aggressor or conspirator from trying to prevent a certain platform from reaching the top executive positions, as the individuals would be readily replaced. Although I am aware that the personality of the candidate has much to do with his success, an equally popular figure replacing the murdered candidate would in fact have a greater chance to win the elections than otherwise which is an other deterrent to potential political murderers. Of course this proposal assumes a certain amount of rational thinking on the part of the conspirators and would be useless with insane individuals that have a personal grudge against the candidate.

Please receive all my respect and admiration for the handling of this sad happening and let us pray for Sen. Kennedy's recovery.

Respectfully yours,

L. B. Satger

mr, L.B. Satger

GENERAL

June 15, 1968

JL3/Kennedy Reitz
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Dear Mr. Reitz:

President Johnson has asked me to thank you for your letter at this time of terrible sorrow.

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Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

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Mr. Richard J. Reitz
162 Rexford Street
Rochester, New York 14621

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162 Rexford St.
Rochester, New York
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Dear Mr. President

I am presently a sophomore in College and many many questions are coming to my mind because of present situations. Why have people acted the way they have in this country? One or two bullets seems to be the only answer left to many peoples' problems.

I once had great faith in the strength, policies, and beauty of my country, but now I see many many reforms that are needed. I have not lost my faith in this country yet, but many people have. I realize that giving up is only going to aid the present problem and I am not about to give up, but what of those who do?

If attempted assassinations have become as numerous as they have now, what does the future hold? There is too much hate in this country because people are either ignorant, selfish, or blinded by false ideas. I think that America is not yet ready for men of peace and brotherhood but rather seem to strive on their violence.

Please let me know what is being done

about today and then let me know what's going to be done, since what's being done hasn't been effective yet.

I'm sure that this letter doesn't just represent my views but those of many others so Please Mr. Johnson, answer this letter. It is very important to me. Thank you very much.

Sincerely

Mr. Richard J. Reitz REITZ

GENERAL

June 15, 1968

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Dear Mr. Printy:

President Johnson has asked me to thank you for your letter at this time of terrible sorrow.

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Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
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Mr. J. C. Printy

Cut Bank, Montana 59427

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Outraged Citizen Sounds Off

LAKE TAHOE — I was going to write to you about fun and games today—a golf match on a sylvan lake, a track meet in a municipal amphitheater.

But once again America the Beautiful has taken a bullet to the groin. The country is in surgery. The Violent States of America. One bullet is mightier than one million votes.

It's not a Democracy, it's a Lunacy. A country that shrinks from punishing its criminals, disciplining its children, locking up its mad. It's like an animal that disregards its senses. It's a lamb defending the lion's right to eat it.

Democracy is in the cross-hairs. The Assassination Party wins elections without going in a primary. The President of the United States is chosen in a hardware store, a mail order catalogue. We blame Dallas, but it's no good. It happens everywhere. Memphis, Los Angeles. The United States.

We quarantine the good, the reliable, the honest. We keep a 24-hour watch on the trustworthy, but get a habeas corpus to let anarchy loose.

Freedom is being gunned down. The "right" to murder is the ultimate right in this country. Sloth is a virtue. Patriotism is a sin. Conservation is an anachronism. God is over 30 years old. To be young is the only religion—as if it were a hard-won virtue. "Decency" is dirty feet, a scorn for work. "Love" is something you need penicillin for. "Love" is handing a flower to a naked young man with vermin in his hair while your mother sits home with a broken heart. You "love" strangers, not parents.

I will be severely criticized, even ridiculed for crying out. "Lousy sportswriter, what does he know?" I can hear it said, "What does he think he is, Paul Harvey?" "Fulton J. Murray," still others will sneer. This is the 20th Century, they will say, not Disneyland. Well, it's getting to look more like the Cave Man Era every day from this seat. Americans who have a podium should use it today.

I like people with curtains on the window, not people with "pads." The next guy that calls money "bread" should be paid off in whole wheat. I'm sick of being told I should try to "understand" evil. Should a canary "understand" a cat?

These are some of the things, it seems to me, that has put blood on the walls of America. The next funeral procession will be for the Republic itself. The American Dream will be rolling up Pennsylvania Ave. behind the roll of drums. It will be buried in Arlington. The Constitution was never conceived as a shield for degeneracy. You start out burning the flag and you end up burning Detroit. You do away with the death penalty for everyone but presidential candidates—and Presidents. The national symbol is not the eagle, it's the catafalque.

The point of the country is Fear. The rebellion is against good. Men of God become men of the Mob. The National Anthem is a scream in the night. American's can't walk in their own parks, get on their own buses. They have to cage themselves.

"Get off your knees, America!" people cry, but it is ignored. Bare your teeth, they say. Threaten to fight back. The lion bares his teeth and the jackals slink away. A cowering animal invites attack. But America is not listening.

These are the things, it seems to me, that put a young senator, a servant of his people, to death. A young, vigorous country is immobilized by bumper stickers, slogans, neurotic students with their feet on desks they couldn't make, pulling down universities they wouldn't know how to rebuild.

It all begins with that—the deification of drifters, wastrels, poltroons—insolent guests at the gracious table of democracy overturning it on their dismayed hosts.

What have the Kennedys ever done to deserve ambuscades every five years at the hands of people they ask only to serve? What apology can we offer to a noble family except to resolve to stop being ruled by our refuse, our human refuse that is? How many good have to die before we wrest weapons from the terrible hands of our barbarians, demand respect for our institutions, stop glorifying hate?

Our healers couldn't repair Bobby Kennedy. Who is going to repair America?

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in Saigon early Friday as Viet Cong gunners again shelled the South Vietnamese capital.

The U.S. commander is in Washington. He will become

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Kennedy Lies in State

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winding rivers, crossing a nation Kennedy aspired to lead as he campaigned for the Democratic presidential nomination.

Then, at the gentle end of a blue and shiny day, the jet slipped downward across the darkening silver of the Hudson River and settled onto the LaGuardia runway, guided by the airport landing lights.

At St. Patrick's Cathedral, the two Kennedy sons and their uncle, Edward, took the casket up the front steps. Again Archbishop Cooke said prayers over it.

Less than two months ago, the archbishop and the slain senator mourned together at the funeral of another assassination victim, the Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Now, following the casket into the cathedral, was King's widow, who traveled eastward with Kennedy's body.

Waiting inside the cathedral was Mrs. Joseph P. Kennedy, ready now to say goodbye to a third of her four sons. Her eldest, Joseph Jr., was killed in action during World War II.

"With the last of the official mourning party inside the Cathedral, the huge doors were slowly swung closed.

The body of Robert Kennedy will lie in state Friday. A re-

quiem mass will be Saturday.

Then a train will body to Washington Saturday at Arlington Cemetery, probably on a grassy knoll resting place assassinated John F.

He died at 2:44 a.m. Thursday.

President Johnson was ened at 3:01 a.m. MST of Kennedy's death.

The White House (from Washington the that flew Kennedy home.

This was the tentative plan for Kennedy's final Friday

8 a.m. to 10 p.m.—lies in state at St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York Saturday

10 a.m.—Requiem mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral.

12:30 p.m.—The body placed in a train for the trip to Washington.

4:40 p.m.—The train arrives in Washington, the body taken in a funeral cortege to the Senate Office Building where Kennedy worked in the Department of Justice where he served as attorney general.

5:30 p.m.—Burial at Arlington National Cemetery, private plot overlooking Washington where John Kennedy is buried and where an eternal flame burns in his memory.

State Democrats

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one (of the national candidates) will come."

Montana is allocated 26 votes at Chicago. Two of these will be cast automatically, one each by the national committeeman, Lelf Erickson of Helena, and the committeewoman, Mrs. Norma Keil of Ledger.

The Helena convention will receive a recommendation that State Chairman Blaylock also be allowed to cast a full vote. The basis on which the remaining 23 votes would be cast would be determined by the convention.

"I feel certain we could have gotten at least half of the delegation (to Chicago)," Cate said Thursday. He said many of the county chairmen who are going to run for national convention delegate had been counted on for Robert Kennedy.

National committeeman Erickson was considered a Kennedy supporter. Others believed to lean toward the late New York senator included Tom Judge of Helena, the nominee for lieutenant governor; Gene B. Daly of Great Falls, the nominee for attorney general; and Paul Cannon, nominee for state treasurer.

Besides Cate, Kennedy organization leaders in Montana include Joseph Rutan in Great Falls; Thomas Murray in Missoula; Joseph Reber Jr. in Helena and Daniel Harrington

tween Robert Kennedy and John F. Kennedy in their views on national problems were evidenced as being "darn few" by the television confrontation of the two candidates last Saturday night in Helena, three days before the election in that state.

One appeal of a Helena resident, Edward Kennedy, would be that it would give strength to Humphrey in large cities where he runs.

On the other hand, a combination that would never have happened excepting for the death of the older Kennedy.

Meanwhile, preparations for next week's convention in Helena had gone about as well Thursday as they could at the moment.

Mrs. Keil was at state headquarters from her quarters in Helena, Ledger and the office close touch by telephone. State Chairman Blaylock, Laurel, National committeeman Erickson lives in Helena.

The Montana State Democratic Woman's Club, Inc., Mrs. Gladys Makela of Helena, holds its convention in Helena June 13-14. There will be a banquet at the Center on the evening of June 13 at which time it was expected the three national candidates would have appeared.

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MR. PRESIDENT:

I DO APPRECIATE THE FACT, THAT YOU WILL POSSIBLY NEVER SEE
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I DO SINCERELY BELIEVE THAT IF YOU DID AND WOULD READ THE
ATTACHED, IT WILL TRUTHFULLY TELL YOU WHAT YOUR OFFICE, THE
CONGRESS AND MAN-KIND CAN DO, THAT YOUR MILLIONS OF DOLLARS
WILL NOT.

SINCERELY,

P.S. PLEASE PARDON THE BUM (T)
ON MY HAY-WIRE MACHINE.

J. C. Printy

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June 15, 1968

JL3/Kennedy Robert F.

Dear Mr. Lofton:

President Johnson has asked me to thank you for your letter at this time of terrible sorrow.

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Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

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MSGT. HOWARD F. KUHN

Det 2, 601 TCS, Box 91

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The PRESIDENT

SIR,

I am DISMAYED at the thought that our political leaders, or any one else, can be subjected to sudden death so easily.

It is my opinion that all of the gun legislation in the world will not prevent such things from happening. Nor will FBI agents, Secret service men nor any other law enforcement agency - that is until such a time arrives when the Supreme Court is curtailed in its hamstringing of all law enforcement agencies.

A criminal or better a potential criminal, has virtually nothing to fear from legal action. He is babied, petted, cajoled and treated like a celebrity.

Should a police officer or a citizen attempt to stop or prevent a criminal act, he finds himself to be the one who is wrong according to the Supreme Court.

SIR, with all due respect, I am extremely concerned. It is my contention that the criminal or potential criminal must be afraid to commit a crime simply because of the hard fact legal consequences! The Supreme court is preventing this more and more each day. Should the present trend continue the Supreme court will legislate the U. S. A. right out of business.

We see violence on all sides; murders, assassinations, rapes, riots, protests, sit-ins; all in the name of civil rights, Political expression, free thought, etc, etc, etc.

It is time to stop this terrible trend before our country becomes a nation of overt violence and fear.

With deepest respect and sincerity,

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M/SGT HOWARD F. KUHN

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GENERAL

J.F. Kennedy, R.F.

June 15, 1968

Dear Mr. Bieber:

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Assistant to the President

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6623 Kingsbury
University City, Missouri 63130

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June 6, 1968.
Mr. Burton Bieber
6623 Kingsbury
University City,
Missouri. 63130

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Dear Mr. President

Early today was a black mark in this world of ours, and that was the death of one of the Sen. Kennedy. I was in service of our country when the assassination of the president John F. Kennedy hit and I said how is it possible for such a thing to happen in this day and age?. Now again not more than two months after Dr. King was killed, Sen. Kennedy died from a assailant gunshot. I have just returned from Viet-Nam in Feb to see this kind of horrible things that are happing to the United States. I am a boy Scoutmaster and I am teaching my boys to do things right and to the law. I hope to get a small answer if it is possible.

Sincerely,

Burton Bieber
Mr. Burton Bieber.

June 6, 1968.
Mr. Burton Blaber
6623 Kingsbury
University City,
Missouri 63130

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Sincerely,
Mr. Burton Blaber

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Robert F.

June 15, 1968

Dear Lisa:

President Johnson has asked me to thank you for your letter at this time of terrible sorrow. In his words:

"The tragedy and the senseless violence of Robert F. Kennedy's death cast a deep shadow of grief across America and across the world."

The President more than shares your concern over lawlessness in a nation that has and must always draw strength from the decency and dedication of its people. Time and again he has called upon Congress to enact genuinely effective gun control legislation. You may want to read in full his message of June 6 to the Speaker of the House and the President of the Senate. The enclosed copy comes to you with the President's appreciation for your interest -- and his hope for your active support in this urgent cause.

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

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Lisa Carlson
1130 Canyon Avenue
Wallace, Idaho 83873

Enclosure: (President's June 6, 1968 letter to the Speaker of the House and the President of the Senate)

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Dear Lisa

June, 5, 1968

Lisa Carlson

1130 Canyon Avenue

Wallace, Idaho

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Dear Mrs. President,

Here I am a 13 year old, shaking after the shooting of Senator Kennedy. It is Wednesday. I still can't believe at what has happened. I really don't know much about political things or for that matter I know very little about the government. All I really know is what my 7th grade, home room teacher, Mrs. Wellman, taught me and the other kids in my class. The way she talked it sounded to me as if she felt strongly or was all for our government.

I feel that this incident is awful. I do think we should start to improve our country a little. I did flunk in History, but I do remember what happened to other countries or nations (whatever). They were always fighting among themselves. And this gave the Communists a chance to take over and they did. But I do think our country is strong enough to hold off the Communists. But if we keep up these outbreaks such as the assassinations and fightings between

the Negroes and the Whites, the country is going to head into worse problems.

Like I said before, I'm very good in History, but I know for a fact something had better change in the way everyone is acting toward each other.

Before the movie started that I was going to watch, I was talking to my girlfriend and I had said that I really did not want Kennedy for President because I felt that the people would just elect him because his brother was so great. And they thought or will think that he will be as good. But he is different.

About an hour or so after the movie had started it was interrupted and the news of Senator Kennedy's shooting brought on.

I was shocked and was very interested in it. I felt and feel sorry for the Kennedys. And now I wanted and want to help them, But I.

have no way except to pray and
ask the Lord to help.

I feel now that the people will
begin to realize their countries problems,
and I think and I hope they will do some
things about them.

Hopefully and Sincerely Yours,

Lisa Carlson

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Dear Julie:

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Dear Julie,
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(2) Box 69
(3) Wiltsah, Montana 59086
June 6, 1968

Dear President Johnson

I am going to be 13 June 17, I am not complaining
but why can't the world have peace. Don't Throw my Letter
away I want The United States to here it and you to read
it. Every night I cry because theres always riats or some
body always gets killed. The blame seems to go on the negros
Some peopple think people that are negros are all bad but Just
because they are ~~a~~ different cohor on the out side They are
The same on the insides. I wish we could meet That would
be The happiest birthday I ever had. I am Roy Hogensor

daughter The one you made postmaster of Wilsahl.

When I heard about Robert Kenady I prayed I prayed
with all my heart, I Love The United States and I

want peace. Presedent Johnson I would like you

To read this letter in one of your speeches. I may

be putting my own life in danger but I don't care I

Love The United States, I know you are a hard working
man but I love you for helping The United States, When

your done I want you to read my name. Thank you

Yours, Truly

(i) Julie Hogenson

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June 15, 1968

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JL3/Kennedy F.

Dear Mr. Emmons:

President Johnson has asked me to thank you for your letter at this time of terrible sorrow.

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June 15, 1968

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JL3/Kennedy,
Robert F.

Dear Miss Holste:

President Johnson has asked me to thank you for your letter at this time of terrible sorrow.

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Sincerely,

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Mr. President;

Since our country exports murder into foreign lands, it is perhaps only just that murder should be brought back to us. The shooting of Senator Kennedy by a man who was born in Jerusalem is a hard lesson in the evil inspirations which America arouses in an immigrant's heart. This lesson seems to tell us that men born and nourished in hatred can find in America nothing that will heal their sickness.

The lesson of murder in America is that it is not good to infect our foreign visitors with the madness that governs us, with our sick homicidal rage and our malevolent treachery towards those whom we "destroy in order to save." It is not good to re - infect our people with the international epidemic of hatred and rage. It is not good to bring into American homes evil people and teachers whose only claim to virtue is that their evils have not yet been outlawed!

How good it would be not to murder, for the killer murders himself. But murder is done by command. How can Americans learn not to kill when the command to kill has been with us for so long that it does not need to be spoken again, and the mere thought of murder goes straight into our hearts and destroys us.

Sincerely,

miss Loren F. Holste

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June 15, 1968

JL3/KENNEDY, R.F.

Dear Robert:

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GENERAL

JL3/KENNEDY, R.F.

June 15, 1968

Dear Mr. Misch:

On behalf of President Johnson, I should like to acknowledge your letter and thank you for writing. Your interest in letting him have your comments is appreciated and you may be sure they have been fully noted.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

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PRESIDENT JOHNSON:

WE ARE ALL VERY SADDENED BY THE
ASSASSINATION OF ROBERT KENNEDY.

AS CITIZENS WE ALSO ARE VERY CONCERNED
ABOUT THE CONDITION OF OUR COUNTRY,
NECESSARY TO SAY OURS IS NOT A
PERFECT SOCIETY, BUT WITH ALL ITS
FAULTS IT IS STILL ONE OF THE
BEST EVER DEVELOPED BY MAN.

AS A VERY CONCERNED CITIZEN I ASK
YOU TO POINT OUT TO ALL PEOPLE THAT
BOTH JOHN AND ROBERT KENNEDY WERE
ASSASSINATED BY INDIVIDUALS WHO WERE
STRONGLY INFLUENCED IN THEIR ACTIONS
BY POLITICS AND IDEOLOGIES OUTSIDE
THE UNITED STATES.

IN THE PAST 24 HOURS I HAVE NOT
HEARD A SINGLE NATIONAL LEADER
SPEAK OUT IN DEFENSE OF OUR
COUNTRY ON THIS POINT.

LET'S NOT SURRENDER THIS IMPERFECT
BUT WONDERFUL COUNTRY SO MEKKLY.

I DON'T THINK EITHER OF THE
KENNEDYS WOULD HAVE, OR WOULD
WANT US TO DO SO.

CC: SENATOR E. DIRksen
" C. PEROT
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RESPECTFULLY,
Donald A. Misch
DONALD A. MISCH
4516 N. ROSEMEAD DR.
PEORIA, ILLINOIS 61614

GENERAL

JL3/KENNEDY, R.F.

June 15, 1968

Dear Mr. Dorchin:

Thank you for your letter to President Johnson. Your interest in submitting your views and comments is appreciated and you may be sure they have been given careful attention.

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

Mr. Morton H.^X Dorchin
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President Lyndon B. Johnson
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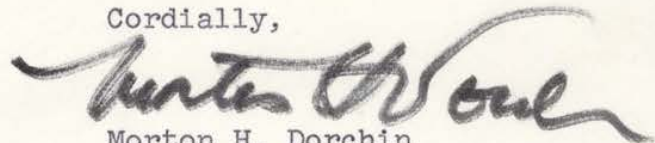
Dear Mr. President:

This shocking and appalling shooting of Senator Robert F. Kennedy early this morning in Los Angeles, California has chilled me to the very essence of my being. This senseless behavior that seems to follow the pattern to kill or shoot that which you do not like in American Life must be stopped from the top. Obviously, we do not want a dictatorship which will enforce the law by a military hierarchy, but there is a sickness in America which must stop, and leaders like you can help to stop it.

Please, I beg you, please let us start an emotional purge of the dangerous emotions that are running away with us and which will destroy us from within. A free society should not need body guards; it should have an innate respect for law and order, and of one's fellow man.

I think a crusade for decency should be started at once. I would be proud to lend my efforts to it.

Cordially,



Morton H. Dorchin
President

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June 5, 1968

President Lyndon B. Johnson
The White House
Capitol Hill
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. President:

This shocking and appalling shooting of Senator Robert F. Kennedy early this morning in Los Angeles, California has chilled me to the very essence of my being. This senseless behavior that seems to follow the pattern to kill or shoot that which you do not like in American life must be stopped from the top. Obviously, we do not want a dictatorship which will enforce the law by a military hierarchy, but there is a sickness in America which must stop, and leaders like you can help to stop it.

Please, I beg you, please let us start an emotional purge of the dangerous emotions that are running away with us and which will destroy us from within. A free society should not need body guards; it should have an inner respect for law and order, and not one's fellow man.

I think a crusade for decency should be started at once. I would be proud to lend my efforts to this.

Cordially,

Morton H. Dorchin
President

OF/

GENERAL

JL3/KENNEDY, R.F.

June 15, 1968

Dear Susan:

President Johnson has asked me to thank you for your letter at this time of terrible sorrow.

The President more than shares your concern over lawlessness in a country that has and must always draw strength from the decency and dedication of its people. In his words, there can be no justification for violence that tears at the fabric of our national life.

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Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

Susan^x Shaffer
1412 17th Avenue
Altoona, Pennsylvania 16601

Enclosures: (6/5 televised remarks on shooting;
6/10 remarks to commission)

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Dear Susan:

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DEAR Mr. Johnson,

I am only 13 years old but I have something to say that I think you should hear.

Last week I thought the U.S. was the most wonderful country in the world, but this week I have come to a conclusion. If the kids and the people in the U.S. keep it up the U.S. is going to turn to Russia. Robert Kennedy was a very much loved man a just because some maniac ~~was~~ ~~loose~~ ~~they~~ he is now dead. I think America should try to keep clean of filthiness and maniacs. It gets pretty bad when a state official can't even walk down the street, without getting shot at or killed. Your wife has preached on how to keep America clean but it doesn't seem to work. Well I guess I don't have any thing to say. Thank-You
(over) SUSAN Shaffer 1412 17th Ave Altoona, Pa.

Please Answer

Write to

Susan Shaffer

1412 17th Ave

Altoona, Pa

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GENERAL

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Ph 3/Kennedy, R.F.

June 15, 1968

Dear Mr. Kinney:

President Johnson has asked me to thank you for your telegram at this time of terrible sorrow.

The President more than shares your concern over lawlessness in a country that has and must always draw strength from the decency and dedication of its people. In his words, there can be no justification for violence that tears at the fabric of our national life.

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Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

Mr. H. F. Kinney
6532 Highwood Place
Charlotte, North Carolina

Enclosures: (6/5 televised remarks on shooting;
6/10 remarks to commission)

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JL3/Kennedy, R.F.

June 15, 1968

Dear Mrs. Pangio:

President Johnson has asked me to thank you for your letter at this time of terrible sorrow.

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Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

Mrs. Delores Pangio
363 South Truesdale Avenue
Youngstown, Ohio

Enclosures: (6/5 televised remarks on shooting;
6/10 remarks to commission)
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GENERAL

June 15, 1968

Dear Mr. Schaefer:

President Johnson has asked me to thank you for your letter at this time of terrible sorrow.

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Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

X
Mr. Leo J. Schaefer, Jr.
6719 Abbotsford
Wichita, Kansas 67206

Enclosures

: (6/5 televised remarks on shooting;
6/10 remarks to commission)

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Comments on assassination

Blames high officials and Pres re lack of law enforce.

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Leo J. Schaefer, Jr.
6719 Abbotsford
Wichita, Kan.

The President
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. President

I am sick & tired of hearing some politicians & others say this is a violent nation. Most present violence is because it is condoned & encouraged by people in high places, starting with the President, Vice President & Supreme Court.

No more law would have prevented the tragic death of Sen. Kennedy,

We don't need anti riot, anti gun or anything laws. We need to have our present laws enforced irregardless of the supposed voting power of certain groups.

Sincerely,

LMR
Leo J. Schaefer, Jr.

Leo J. Schaefer, Jr.

June 15, 1968

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JL3/Kennedy Rebuttal

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Vincent:

President Johnson has asked me to thank you for your letter at this time of terrible sorrow.

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Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Vincent
3500 Ridgewood Way
Sacramento, California 95821

Enclosures: (6/5 televised remarks on shooting;
6/10 remarks to commission)
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June 15, 1968

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Dear Mrs. Moore:

President Johnson has asked me to thank you for your letter at this time of terrible sorrow.

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Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

x
Mrs. William Moore
2820 North Sixth Street
Coeur d'Alene, Idaho 83814

(Mrs. Anneke Moore)

Enclosures

: (6/5 televised remarks on shooting;
6/10 remarks to commission)
MD:wm

June 15, 1968

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JL3/Kennedy Robert F.

Dear Mr. Krems:

President Johnson has asked me to thank you for your letter at this time of terrible sorrow.

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Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

Mr. Jules Krems
147 Frances Street
Portland, Maine

Enclosures: (6/5 televised remarks on shooting;
6/10 remarks to commission)

MD:wm

June 15, 1968

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JL3/Kennedy, R.H.F.

Dear Miss Wood:

President Johnson has asked me to thank you for your letter at this time of terrible sorrow.

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Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

Miss Lois Wood
805 Leavenworth Street
San Francisco, California 94109

Enclosures: (6/5 televised remarks on shooting;
6/10 remarks to commission)

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GENERAL

JL3/Kennedy,
Robert F.

June 15, 1968

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Dear Barbara:

President Johnson has asked me to thank you for your letter at this time of terrible sorrow. In his words:

"The tragedy and the senseless violence of Robert F. Kennedy's death cast a deep shadow of grief across America and across the world."

The President more than shares your concern over lawlessness in a nation that has and must always draw strength from the decency and dedication of its people. Time and again he has called upon Congress to enact genuinely effective gun control legislation. You may want to read in full his message of June 6 to the Speaker of the House and the President of the Senate. The enclosed copy comes to you with the President's appreciation for your interest -- and his hope for your active support in this urgent cause.

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

x
Barbara Spalla
Post Office Box 313
Aurora, Oregon 97002

Enclosure: (President's June 6, 1968 letter to the Speaker of the House and the President of the Senate)

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Dear Barbara:
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REC'D JUN 8 1968

Post Office Box 313
Aurora, Oregon 97002
Barbara, Spalla
June 2, 1968

Dear Sir:

Today is the day that R.F.K. DIED. IT IS HORRID AS I hope you will agree. I think you should do something about it. What? I don't know. If Edward Kennedy runs in his place you should have special guards around him at all times. I know you probably won't listen to me since I am only 12 years old and in the 7th grade.

I am grateful that you put guards on the other candidates, but you are too late to take care of Kennedy. I'm not blaming you because I guess you wouldn't know if it's going to happen, but now you will know better. I hope the ~~one~~ to be president has learned a lesson, for when next election comes around.

Please write to me personally so I can be proud to have a letter addressed to me signed by the president Himself.

Yours
Truly

Barbara
Spalla

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GENERAL

June 15, 1968

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Robert F.
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Dear Private Kruger:

President Johnson has asked me to thank you for your letter at this time of terrible sorrow.

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Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

PFC Karl E. Kruger, USA
RA 11974300
536th M.P. Co.
APO, New York 09407

Enclosures: (6/5 televised remarks on shooting;
6/10 remarks to commission)

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Dear President Johnson,

I'm a member of the U.S. Army
and I feel that if I return
to the United States I will
bury my head in shame.
People throughout the world
looking at my country as
though the United States
as a nation of killers
and people who carry
guns. I hate to
think of what my children
may be living in a country
of sick people walking
in the street. I'm willing
to put my life on the line
but not for this.

I'm sorry if my point
of view is not shared with
you but I can't see people
of the United States are

willing to justify such
killings. I've thought
of many things that
I have been thinking about,
since I came into the Army.

War is wrong but the
type of killing that took
place last night. I pray
that things have changed
by the time I leave Germany
and return.

Sincerely Yours
PFC Paul E. Kruger
KRUGER
(END)

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GENERAL

*FL 3 / Kennedy,
Robert F.*

June 15, 1968

Dear Dean Haight:

Your telegram has been received and will be brought to President Johnson's attention at the earliest opportunity. Meanwhile, I want to thank you on his behalf for your interest in wiring at this time of tragedy.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

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Dean David Haight
X Hunter College
X New York, New York

Enclosure: 6/5 statement re Senator Kennedy

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Dear Dad

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THE PRESIDENT

THE WHITE HOUSE

THE ATTEMPTED ASSASSINATION OF SENATOR KENNEDY IS MORE

THAN THE ARBITRATION OF A SINGLE CRACKPOT AFTER THE

3 DEATH OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY AND MARTIN LUTHER KING. IT IS

AN INDICATION THAT AMERICANS ARE BECOMING

ACCUSTOMED TO THE IDEA OF MURDER AS A STANDARD

2 TECHNIQUE OF AMERICAN POLITICS WE CANNOT LET THIS HAPPEN

TO AMERICA. I URGE YOU TO ASK FORMER
PRESIDENTS EISENHOWER AND TRUMAN TO JOIN YOU IN
A MAJOR TELEVISION SPEECH DENOUNCING VIOLENCE AS
A POLITICAL METHOD.

(DEAN DAVID HAIGHT² HUNTER COLLEGE) NEW
YORK CITY.

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GENERAL

JL3 / Kennedy,
Robert F.
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June 15, 1968

Dear Judy:

President Johnson has asked me to thank you for your letter at this time of terrible sorrow.

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Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

X
Judy Karp
3321 Fairhill Drive
Washington, D.C. 20023

Enclosures: (6/5 televised remarks on shooting;
6/10 remarks to commission)

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Dear Judy:

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REC'D JUN 10 '68

Judy Karp

3321 Fairhill Drive
Washington D.C.
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President Johnson
1600 Pennsylvania Ave.
Washington D.C.
White House

June 6, 1968

President Johnson;

Even though I am
only 12½ years old, I
have felt grief. When
President John F. Kennedy
was killed, somehow, I
realized what had
happened. All I remember
is trying to hold
back the tears that

kept coming.

Two months ago,
Dr. Martin Luther King
was assassinated, I
realized fully, what
the United States
had lost, as well
as the Negro race. I
do not see why
anybody would want
to segregate the Negroes
because of skin color.

I am a Jew, so I
know some people
do tend to make
you feel bad.) I

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shed tears, as I did
for President Kennedy.

Now, Senator

Robert Francis Kennedy
has been assassinated.

Again the flow of
tears. It hurt me, as
well as my parents,
sisters (2) and relatives.

Yet, I know the
grief I felt was
also for the living
Kennedy family. It
gives me an odd
feeling to think

that Senator Kennedy will
never get to see his
11th child.

I am also reminded
continuously of the Kennedy's
because my initials
are J.H.K. (Judy Helen Karp).

There are several
questions troubling my
mind. Why must
there be violence?

It seems that some
outstanding leader is
always getting shot.

I Thank G-d you
haven't been shot.

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What is happening in the U.S.? Why is there bad race relations? The Negroes are entitled to as much rights as we are. When you look around you notice that a great percent of the poor people are Negroes. Why is this? Because of the white people acting ~~prejudiced~~ prejudiced.

over the Negroes? If so,
there is no reason for
it!

At this moment
I am very ~~troub~~
troubled. I wonder
why people insist
on killing other people.
If they thought
about it happening to
them, that they are
only bringing on more
violence themselves.

Insanity perhaps? In
some cases, but in

4. President John F.
Kennedy, Martin
Luther King and
Senator Robert F. Kennedy's
cases, insanity isn't
the answer. I don't
know what the
answer is. I'm
looking ~~to~~ for it.
I hope you can
answer these questions.
I will be very
grateful,
Sincerely,
Judy Karp

GENERAL

JL 3/Kennedy,
Robert F.

June 15, 1968

Dear Miss Van Droskey:

President Johnson has asked me to thank you for your letter at this time of terrible sorrow.

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Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

Miss Jane Van Droskey
Santander No. 6, Torrimar
Guaynabo, Puerto Rico

Enclosures

: (6/5 televised remarks on shooting;
6/10 remarks to commission)

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Suggests strong punishment for Sirhan

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J. Van Droskey
Santander #6, Torrimar
Guaynabo, Puerto Rico

President L. B. Johnson
White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

I woke up Wednesday morning to find the tragic news about R.F. Kennedy. His being shot was unbelievable after the assassination of his brother J.F. Kennedy.

From the time that he was shot Wednesday until the time of his death on Thursday morning the entire nation prayed in hope of his survival.

The assassin Sirhan Bishara Sirhan should be given immediate capital punishment. I'm sure that the majority of the nation if not the entire nation backs me up on that statement.

He sure deserved more than a broken index finger, and a sprained ankle.

The San Juan Star stated that the assassin "may have been inflamed" by a statement made in a televised campaign debate Saturday night, advocating support of Israel in the Middle East crisis.

But no level-minded person would be driven to go out and kill someone just because he disagrees with him. There have been derogatory statements directed toward the United States and no one as of yet has been driven to the extent of killing the person who directed those statements to our country. I don't believe that anyone of us, who have any loyalty for our country would do so either. I'm not meaning to brag on we Americans, we are by far a perfect race, but our country means a great deal to us.

A raving maniac such as Kennedy's assassin, should not be allowed to live his life any further, for fear that he may damage our country's future even more severely. I find this almost impossible in my eyes, because R.F. Kennedy like his brother were both great attributes in our country.

If Edward runs for President in later years he stands great risk of loosing his life just as his brothers before him did.

The San Juan Star also stated that the gunman said that he shot Kennedy for his country, and he loves his country. Well we Americans love our country too. But shooting someone isn't showing your love for your country. Fighting for your country during a war is the only time for killing because of difference of opinions. That too involves the whole countries views and opinions, not just one mans. When someone claims to love his country he does something to improve the condition or reputation of it. Again killing someone is not helping his countries reputation any. But that isn't my motive for writing this letter.

I didn't realize my respect and love for Robert until this tragic event occurred. I was one of the millions who prayed for him.

I've never had such an urge to see a man suffer before, as I do now. I feel that we Americans will make him regret that he ever lived! y (the assassin)

Something has to be done about this violence that's overtaking our nation. The source of it all should be eliminated.

Please give this letter some consideration and thought. I am sure that this letter will not be the only one of its kind that you'll receive.

Sincerely yours,
Jane Van Droskey
Miss Jane Van Droskey

McIntire

GENERAL

JL3/Kennedy,
Robert F.
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June 15, 1968

Dear Dr. McIntire:

President Johnson received your telegram and asked me to thank you for your thoughtfulness at a time of terrible sorrow. In his words:

"This is a moment for all Americans to join hands and walk together through this dark night of common anguish into a new dawn of healing unity."

With the President's gratitude for your prayers,

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

The Reverend Carl McIntire
President
International Council of Christian Churches
756 Haddon Avenue
Collingswood, New Jersey

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TO MR. SHOEMAKER

FROM MR. HOPKINS

Whitney, you may have some thought on how such
a telegram from Dr. McIntire should be handled.

The White House
Washington

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THE PRESIDENT

THE WHITE HOUSE

WE WANT YOU TO KNOW THAT OUR CONFERENCE OF PASTORS HERE HAVE
BEEN IN SPECIAL PRAYER FOR YOU ASKING GOD TO GIVE YOU SPECIAL
STRENGTH DURING THESE DAYS. WE KNOW HOW YOUR HEART MUST BE TORN
AND IN THE PERPLEXITIES WHICH CONFRONT YOU,
MAY GOD GIVE YOU WISDOM AND COURAGE TO BE HIS SERVANT ACCORDING
TO THE SCRIPTURES FAITHFULLY YOURS

CARL MCINTIRE CAPE MAY NJ.

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GENERAL

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JL3/Kennedy, Robt F.

June 15, 1968

Dear Mrs. Archard:

President Johnson asked me to thank you for your letter. To know that he has your support means much to him and he appreciates your thoughtfulness in writing.

With the President's best wishes,

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

Mrs. Francis H. Archard
74 Warren Street
Newton Centre, Massachusetts 02159

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